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TOMORROW

Smoke-free restaurants are providing a breath of fresh air for local customers.

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Belle Vernon

Ex-tax collector charged

Police said she overcharged mortgage companies and kept the extra money.

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The former Belle Vernon Borough tax collector stands accused of stealing or misappropriating nearly $63,000, mostly by overbilling mortgage companies that kept tax payments in escrow accounts.

Driscilla J. Lazzari, 57, of 219 Wood St. has waived her right to a preliminary hearing on felony charges of theft by unlawful taking, embezzlement by a tax collector and tampering with public records.

Lazzari, who is free on a $50,000 unsecured bond, was scheduled for formal arraignment Feb. 21 after foregoing a preliminary hearing before District Judge Jesse Cramer of Belle Vernon.

A state police task force indicated the accounting firm Cypher and Cypher determined that $62,788.11 was missing from the borough's tax account from 1998 to 2004 – after borough Secretary Donna Bitonti noticed irregularities in tax receipts submitted by Lazzari.

An audit revealed $56,673.11 was taken from the account. Another $6,115 was received in 2004 but never deposited.

In an affidavit of probable cause, Trooper Raymond C. Stewart said Lazzari inflated the amounts owed by mortgage companies by $100 or $50 and reported the higher figure to the contracted tax services that managed the escrow accounts.

"Once the money is received from the tax service company representing the mortgage companies, the defendant would pay the taxes and write herself a check for the extra money," Stewart said in court documents.

"The method of overbilling allowed her to continue the theft without being noticed."

Stewart indicated the county, borough and school district received the correct amount of money.

The audit revealed Lazzari wrote 117 checks to herself; 10 to a relative, who was not charged; and one to Medical Collection Services for $157.

Belle Vernon Borough Council President Verne Horan declined to comment on the case.

Attorney Samuel J. Davis represents Lazzari.

Bush pushes economic package

Many eyes were trained on two Democratic presidential candidates.

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – A Democratic Congress is poised to heed President Bush's call to help save the economy, but may not give him much else after a State of the Union speech that recycled many of the administration's past initiatives.

A lame duck president called again for immigration reform, an end to lawmakers' pet projects, control of Social Security spending and making tax cuts permanent.

Democrats have rejected those Bush initiatives before.

And, in a sign that the dominant political battles will not be in Congress, many in the House chamber kept an eye during the speech on Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton – bitter rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination. They sat close to each other, but managed not to shake hands.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who hours earlier had endorsed Obama over Clinton, reached out to shake Sen. Clinton's hand when she came near.

Bush is plunging into politics himself this week, raising money for Republicans from Wednesday through Friday at events in California, Nevada, Colorado and Missouri. Other appearances will promote the themes from his speech.

Delivering the televised Democratic response, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius urged Bush to work with a Congress controlled by her party.

"The last five years have cost us dearly – in lives lost, in thousands of wounded warriors whose futures may never be the same, in challenges not met here at home because our resources were committed elsewhere," she said. "America's foreign policy has left us with fewer allies and more enemies."

The president pushed hard for "a robust growth package" to jumpstart the economy, asking Democrats to avoid the temptation "to load up the bill."

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Associated Press

President Bush delivers his State of the Union address Monday before a joint session of Congress as Vice President Dick Cheney and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi listen.

Ringgold grad, Va. Tech victim guest of first lady

Kevin Sterne called for an effort to rid America of violent crime.

By MICHAEL HASCH
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The 2002 Ringgold High School graduate who survived the deadly shooting rampage at Virginia Tech was a guest at Monday night's State of the Union address.

Kevin Sterne, 23, of Nottingham Township, who saved his own life by using an electrical cord as a tourniquet on his right leg, was the guest of Laura Bush and sat in the first lady's box during President Bush's speech.

Sterne and family members – including his mother and stepfather, Suzanne and John Grimes, and father, Randy Sterne – were guests at a White House reception before the speech.

"It is an honor and a privilege to attend the State of the Union address in representing Virginia Tech," Sterne said in a statement.

"I have declined interviews because I am still recovering from physical and emotional injuries. I would like to publicly offer my condolences to the 32 families that lost someone, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Their life cannot be replaced and they will never be forgotten.

"As victims of April 16th share a unique bond, we can only hope

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Associated Press

Ringgold graduate Kevin Sterne, left, joins first lady Laura Bush during the president's State of the Union address.

Double fatal fire ruled accident

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A condominium fire that killed a Belle Vernon-area couple Sunday at Seven Springs Mountain Resort was ruled accidental Monday by Somerset-based state police fire marshal Terry Wilson – pending further investigation.

Jonathan M. Murt, 22, of Rostraver Township, and Sasha A. Zuro, 26, of Washington Township, died of smoke inhalation, Somerset County Coroner Wallace Miller said. The blaze began about 1 a.m. in the 12-unit structure in the Sunridge section of The Villages at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Middlecreek Township.

"The investigation is still ongoing, but my determination is that the fire began in the flue of the fireplace inside the structure and is accidental in nature," Wilson said.

The family of Zuro, a 1999 Belle Vernon Area graduate, grieved over the loss of their daughter and Murt, a 2003 Belle Vernon Area graduate, whom they said Sasha had been dating for several months.

"Sasha was a beautiful, outgoing girl that everybody loved," said her

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VALLEY PEOPLE

School property tax plans mulled

Dave Levdansky claims one GOP proposal is filled with problems.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – Debate on a bill that would lower school property taxes for Pennsylvania homeowners began ever so slowly Monday, with five hours of discussion on the first of dozens of amendments to be considered.

The state House of Representatives is looking for ways to reduce the multibillion-dollar burden of school property taxes beyond the tax cuts that are anticipated from the slot-machine gambling revenue pouring into state coffers.

"That which we are about to undertake in this House tonight and in the next day or two perhaps is very, very likely the most important issue that we, as a House, have debated," said Rep. Sam Rohrer, R-Berks.

"And it's probably one of the most, in some respects, complex. On the other hand it really is rather simple."

Discussion began with Rohrer's plan to eliminate school property taxes by broadening the sales tax by $5.9 billion a year and boosting personal income taxes by $3.2 billion a year.

Rep. David Levdansky, D-Forward Township, said Rohrer's plan would, within a few years, saddle the state with $17 billion a year in payments for public education and force it to assume $24 billion in long-term debt from local districts.

"This amendment, if adopted, clearly would be the largest shift and the largest increase in state taxes," Levdansky said. "It would be a 25 percent increase in the state personal income tax alone."

Items newly subject to the sales tax under Rohrer's plan includes telegrams, dry cleaning, pay phones, bibles, newspapers, candy, gum and such services as bank transactions and child care. People, but not businesses, would also start paying sales taxes on legal fees, accounting bills, engineering costs and some other services.

Levdansky warned lawmakers that the dramatic change envisioned by Rohrer's amendment would bring unintended negative consequences.

"I'm telling you that you could find dozens and dozens and dozens of things in here that one day you're going to find out that you voted to make subject to the sales-and-use tax, and you're going to regret that," Levdansky said.

Yesteryear

The Dunlevy-Gallatin Redbirds enjoyed a successful 1963-64 soccer season as they advanced to the semifinals of the National Open Cup competition. The 'Birds bowed 2-1 to the Cleveland German-Americans in a hard-fought game April 5, 1964, at Latin Field in Cleveland. Comprising the Dun-Gal squad were: Front row from left, Dominick DiBernardi, Pee Legeza, Ernie Truffa, Rich Menyo, Jack "Zay" Bailey, Ed "Rail" Lewellyn; back row, Manager Ernie "Banjo" Truffa, Don Gruda, Frankie DeRosa, Nick "Bozo" Pascarella, Robert "Tubby" Day, Ralph "Butch" Rossi, Alex DeRosa, Russ Staup, trainer Joe (last name unknown), Manager Roger Rossi, Joe Kurty. Missing from the picture are Tom DeRosa, Frank Pascarella and Frank "Tank" Pollack.

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that some good will transpire out of (one of the) worst shootings in America's history.

"To overcome this tragedy, I would like to express to all federal, state and local government officials, as well as law enforcement, school administrators, teachers and citizens to work together in establishing laws to prevent another horrific massacre.

"It is your duty to come to agreement on controversial issues by recognizing there is not middle ground in order to make this country safe, free from violence. By passing these laws it would make myself and other victims of violent crimes feel safer in America," said Sterne, who received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering in May and is back on campus.

He was among 27 guests – including former first lady Barbara Bush and former Sen. Bob Dole – seated in the first lady's box.

"They are a wide variety of Americans from coast to coast who represent the spirit, the character and the compassion of America," said Blair C. Jones, a White House spokesman.

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Texas child porn suspect nabbed in Sewickley

He allegedly downloaded illegal material while staying with a relative in Westmoreland County.

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A former Texas state employee was arrested at a relative's home in Westmoreland County on a felony fugitive warrant issued for charges of downloading child pornography on his work computer.

Ronald J. Yannacci, 38, is being held in lieu of $500,000 bond in the Westmoreland County Prison in Hempfield Township pending an extradition hearing.

He was arrested by state police Friday in Sewickley Township, where he was staying with relatives, police said.

According to warrant information filed before Ligonier District Judge Denise Snyder Thiel, Yannacci was wanted by authorities in Travis County, Texas, near Austin, on charges of possession of child pornography.

During an investigation in Texas, Yannacci allegedly admitted he had been downloading pornography on his computer in the state Preservation Board Office since 2006, according to court documents.

Texas authorities have been searching for Yanacci since Dec. 6, when an arrest warrant was issued.

"We have received information from authorities in Texas that they do intend to extradite him," state police spokeswoman Jeanne Martin said.

During an interview with Trooper Robert Harr, of the Greensburg barracks, Yannacci allegedly said he downloaded pornography on his computer while he was in Sewickley, according to police.

Harr reported that state police seized Yannacci's computer on a search warrant and are completing a forensic analysis.

Attempts to reach Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's office for comment were unsuccessful.

Fire (FROM PAGE ONE)

mother, Mila Zuro. "(Jonathan) was just as precious as she was, just an intelligent, nice, sweet young man."

Mila Zuro said she was at church Sunday morning and her husband, Robert, was at work at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel in Allenport, so troopers went to the Washington Township home of Paul Zuro, 29, Sasha's older brother, to inform the family.

"I had a ton of messages on my cell phone," Mila Zuro said she discovered as she left church. "I will take it one day at a time with God as my comforter. I have hopes to see her again."

A memorial service for Sasha Zuro is planned 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Orchard Christian Fellowship at 721 Schoonmaker Ave. in Monessen.

Friends of Jonathan Murt, the son of Thomas W. and Mary Lou (Malinchak) Murt, will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Anthony L. Massafra Funeral Home at 40 Second St. Extension in Donora.

Bush (FROM PAGE ONE)

U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha used the president's address to once more oppose the war in Iraq.

"In just a few weeks, we will mark the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq," the Johnstown Democrat said.

"Five years later, the political and economic situation on the ground has changed little, while the rest of the world, including the United States, has changed significantly.

Murtha, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, said the president continues to ignore the bigger picture in Iraq.

"It is not a question of what happens to Iraq if we leave; it's a question of what happens to America if we stay," Murtha said. "It's a question of whether America can afford to continue spending $343 million every day in Iraq, while growing our national debt by nearly $1 million every minute. Our children should not have to foot the bill for this administration's mistakes."

Murtha said Bush should use his last year in office to do what the American people want: Begin a responsible redeployment from Iraq, rebuild our military, and begin to restore America's image and credibility throughout the world."

U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy, D-Upper St. Clair, called for unity from both sides of the aisle.

"As long as we continue to fight along political lines, we won't get things done," Murphy told *The Valley Independent* this morning.

"It's one thing to disagree, but another to be disagreeable."

Murphy said Congress must encourage domestic drilling for oil and provide for opportunities for coal and nuclear energy to play a more prominent role in our energy policies.

Murphy called for more accountability in testing in the No Child Left Behind program, saying the flawed testing system does not allow year-to-year tracking for individual students.

Murphy said health care reform debate should center not on who is paying the bill, but how to curb the cost.

Murphy called for his colleagues to quickly approve an economic stimulus package. But he said a package should make permanent tax cuts approved in 2001 and 2003. They are set to expire in 2011.

He encourage Americans who spend their tax rebates proposed in the package on domestic products, especially not Chinese products.

As Bush spoke, Senate Democrats already were planning to expand the package negotiated by Bush and House leaders from both parties, to include tax rebates for senior citizens and an extension of unemployment benefits.

Bush said allowing previous tax cuts to lapse would raise bills for 116 million Americans, but Democrats have cited the rising deficits as the war in Iraq has dragged on.

The president warned, as he has repeatedly, that pulling Americans out of Iraq too soon would aid al-Qaida and undermine Iraq's government.

"Members of Congress: Having come so far and achieved so much, we must not allow this to happen," the president said.

Bush is likely to keep winning that one. Democrats have tried again and again to set a timetable for withdrawal, but lacked the votes.

Congress has ignored Bush's proposals to deal with millions of illegal immigrants and to control Social Security spending.

"I ask members of Congress to offer your proposals and come up with a bipartisan solution to save these vital programs for our children and grandchildren," Bush said.

There's no reason to think that Congress will touch Social Security in an election year, and any immigration agreement would not involve comprehensive reform on an issue that has deeply divided the nation.

Illegal immigration "must be resolved in a way that upholds both our laws and our highest ideals," Bush said.

That line, which didn't propose a solution, was applauded on both sides of the aisle.

The president, speaking about one of his signature programs, urged Congress to continue the No Child Left Behind Act, saying, "no one can deny its results."

Republicans enthusiastically applauded. Several Democrats, who disagree, could be heard laughing at Bush's conclusion.

Valley briefs

Copper thieves impact phone use

A few hundred Verizon telephone customers in Perry Township are without phone service due to some copper wire thieves.

Someone climbed telephone poles along Cemetery Road on Friday night or Saturday morning and cut down two 700-foot sections of copper telephone wire.

Verizon spokesman Lee Gierczynski said about a half-dozen such thefts have occurred in the region in the past couple of months.

Thieves sell the metal.

"It's of serious concern to us. Not only does it put customers out of service, but it puts their safety at risk," Gierczynski said. "When they pick up their phone, they have no dial tones. If they have an emergency, they have no way to get in touch with somebody."

In December, thieves climbed poles in Dunbar and Springhill townships, making off with about 2,000 feet of copper wire and causing phone outages in those areas.

In the latest thefts, Gierczynski said the thieves cut wires supporting the telephone poles, so two poles fell down.

"We have crews out there right now," Gierczynski said. "They need to replace the poles. Once that's complete, they'll place new sections of cable and splice them in. They hope to have service restored by midweek."

State police in Rostraver are investigating.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (724) 929-6262.

Harhai supports phone restrictions

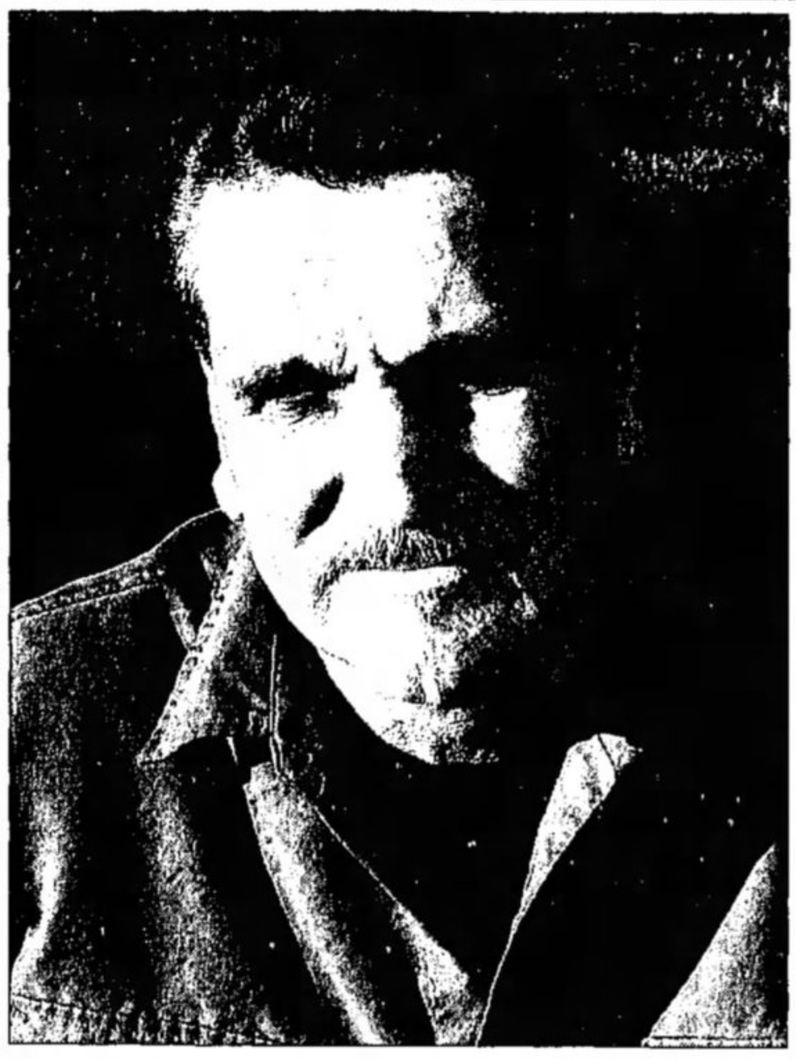
State Rep. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, is supporting legislation to end unwanted automated phone calls from political candidates.

Harhai participated in a recent Capitol news conference that outlined legislation to expand the state's "Do Not Call" law to include automated political messages.

Lawmakers also unveiled the "Pennsylvania Pledge," which asks candidates running for a variety of offices to promise not to use robocalls in their campaigns. Harhai signed the pledge.

"Robo-calls are usually unmerited and their content can be malicious and deceptive," Harhai said. "The state's Do Not Call list is a safe haven for people looking to block unsolicited phone calls. I see no reason why we shouldn't add to the list the individuals and groups behind what are basically political advertisements."

"I would also like to hold people responsible when they disseminate incorrect information over the phone, as is often the case in robocalls," he said.



Gary Tretter

Ex-Monessen cop starts new career

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A weekly look at one of our neighbors

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If Gary Tretter could go back in time, he would listen to his parents and learn to control his temper.

Tretter knows, of course, he can't change the past, but he's confident his life lessons and past mistakes will help him make the right choices in the future.

Tretter, 56, is embarked on a new chapter in his life when he retired from the Monessen Police Department with the rank of lieutenant. He also served as police chief during his tenure.

He isn't out of law enforcement, though, as he is working with kids who have a lot of the same characteristics he struggled with in his early years.

Tretter is now working as a police officer for the Intermediate Unit I Educational Campus at Colonial - an alternative school in Grindstone serving middle and high school students from Fayette County.

"It's a big adjustment for me, especially having to get up early every day," said Tretter. "It's a challenge. I see a lot of myself in these kids. I really do. Like I tell them, 'If I can make it, anyone can because I was one hard-headed kid.'"

The son of Alex and Mildred Tretter was raised in a neighborhood known as the "hood," where he was the minority in a predominately black neighborhood.

"I was probably one of the youngest kids there, and there were a lot of bad influences," he said. "You learned to fight before you learned to talk.

"We lived that."

As Tretter grew, so did his temper.

But his tough approach to life proved successful on the football field. He credits Jack Scarvel, the late Monessen football coach, as being one of his greatest mentors.

After graduating from Monessen High School in 1969, he landed a football scholarship to the University of Tulsa.

Tretter admits he made a lot of bad decisions while in college, and got in one too many fights.

"I screwed that up," he said. "It was embarrassing. I used every excuse in the world then. I'm 56 years old now and I have no reason to lie. I blamed everyone but myself."

Tretter got a second chance and transferred to California University of Pennsylvania, where he played football and got a degree in business administration in 1974.

After college, he was selected in a supplemental draft by the former Houston Oilers of the National Foot-

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Ex-Wecht subordinate testifies deputies did personal errands

Witness says deputy coroners gave rides to Wecht's family on county time.

By JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — On-duty deputy coroners working for celebrity pathologist Cyril Wecht once delivered hot dogs to a political function in a county van, gave rides to Wecht's family and ran other errands on county time, a former subordinate testified Monday.

Wecht, who has led inquiries into the deaths of Elvis Presley, JonBenet Ramsey and Vincent Foster among others, is accused of using his Allegheny County government staff as bookkeepers, secretaries, couriers and gofers for his family and his private, multimillion-dollar practice.

His federal fraud trial began Monday in U.S. District Court.

Dr. Edward Strimlan, a deputy coroner under Wecht, was the first witness for prosecutors.

He said he was told to buy hot dogs for a political promotion outside a Pittsburgh Pirates game when Wecht's son was running for a county row office.

Strimlan bought the franks, delivered them to the ballpark, then drove back to the office — all while on duty, he said.

"They didn't give me a hot dog, either," Strimlan quipped.

Prosecutors contend that Wecht, 76, grossed nearly $9 million from 1997 through 2004 in his private practice, illegally using his county staff to cut costs.

He never made more than $64,000 per year as county coroner.

"In plain English, what he did was he stole and he did it for the same reasons people have stolen for thousands of years: so he could make more money and because he thought he could get away with it," Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings said in his opening statement.

Strimlan said he and other deputies were routinely told by Wecht, his top deputies, private secretary or administrative assistants to run errands — sometimes several times a day — on county time.

Strimlan eventually became assistant chief deputy before Wecht resigned when he was indicted by a federal grand jury in January 2006. Strimlan still works for the county, in what is now the medical examiner's office.

Among other things, Strimlan said Wecht's two main county administrative assistants often had files from his private practice on their desks.

One of the administrative assistants did not even have a computer that could access coroner's cases, he said.

Strimlan also began laying the groundwork for one of the most macabre charges against Wecht: that the pathologist traded unclaimed county morgue cadavers for private lab space at Carlow College in Pittsburgh.

Strimlan testified about paperwork involving a man who died in November 2005 whose corpse was later dissected by Carlow students as part of Wecht's work at the school.

Strimlan, who was scheduled to resume his testimony today, said the paperwork showed coroner's deputies had located the man's next of kin shortly after he died and planned no autopsy because the man died of natural causes.

Wecht's defense argued that the bulk of the indictment contains minor infractions, such as the improper use of fax machines, and that the former coroner was worth far more than what the county paid him.

"We will prove to you he is the best bargain Allegheny County has ever had," defense attorney Jerry McDevitt told jurors.

McDevitt also denied that Wecht did anything other than establish a prestigious autopsy program at Carlow College at the invitation of its former president, a nun whom McDevitt repeatedly called a "woman of God."

He added that Wecht only donated unclaimed cadavers to the college.

"The defining allegation of this case is false," McDevitt said.

McDevitt said the program was designed to let Carlow "watch the master" at his craft. "This man was 'CSI' long before any of us ever heard about it," McDevitt said.

But Stallings said Wecht even cheated his private clients with fake bills from a defunct travel agency that overstated air fare and limousine expenses.

Wecht billed the Mississippi Attorney General's Office $604.70 for a flight, even though he paid only $273.70 for the air fare, Stallings said.

McDevitt said Wecht's private clients never complained about their bills.

In fact, he said, they would have happily paid Wecht more than he charged them.

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BOHLANDER — Janice "Jan" Bohlander, 53, of Seabeck, Wash., formerly of Charleroi, on Monday, Dec. 24.*

KRET — Lt. Col. Robert L. Kret Ret., 67, of Pensacola, Fla., on Friday, Jan. 11.*

MURT — Jonathan M. Murt, 22, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Sunday, Jan. 27. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

SANINO — Raymond F. Sanino, 69, of Monessen, on Monday, Jan. 28. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

SIVAK — Helen K. Sivak, 88, of Monessen, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Services, Monessen.*

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MORGAN, Harold L.*

NEDROW, Roger*

*** See death notice**

Janice Bohlander
Seabeck, Wash.
Formerly of Charleroi

Janice "Jan" Bohlander, 53, of Seabeck, Wash., died on Dec. 24, 2007, after a courageous battle with leukemia. She was born April 8, 1954, in Charleroi. She is survived by her husband, John "Flip" Bohlander; a daughter Heather (Scott) McMinds, a son, Luke Bohlander, all of Seabeck; her mother, Ruby Maier (Flemming) of Silverdale, Wash.; brothers, George and Terry Gilmer (Linda); sisters, Gayle Kabins (Darryl), and Annette Gift (Robert); grandchildren, Austin and Kamryn McMinds; her mother-in-law, Helen Bohlander of Charleroi; a sister-in-law, Sandra Conrad (Ray) of North Charleroi; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Gilmer. A memorial celebration will be held in the spring at the Island Lake Community Center, Seabeck.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anthony J. Fronzaglio
Donora

Anthony J. "Undo" Fronzaglio, 63, of Donora, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at his home. He was born in Pittsburgh on Dec. 21, 1944, a son of the late Guido "Wee" and Laura Bianco Fronzaglio. He owned and operated Marjorie's Used Furniture and Appliances Store in Donora. Undo was Catholic by faith and a 1963 graduate of Donora High School. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Bianco and Louis and Fred Fronzaglio. Undo is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marjorie A. Courtney Fronzaglio; four children, Antoinette (Leroy) Roberts, of California, Pa., Anthony J. Jr. (Billie Sue) Fronzaglio, of Roscoe, and Tonia Fronzaglio (Shaun McGavitt) and Tammy Fronzaglio (Curtis Pritchett), all of Donora; 13 grandchildren, Laura, Sean, Qualynn, Kordell, Taylor, Tashay, Treyvan, Jacob, James, Chris, Jonathan, Jay, and Ashley; four sisters, Mrs. Michael (Lucille) Lutz, of Carroll Township, Mrs. Eugene (Dolores) Halyama, of Niles, Ohio, his twin sister, Mrs. Charles (Antoinette "Nana") McLaughlin, of Donora, and Roseanne Harper, of Brookville; three brothers, Joseph A. (Josephine) Fronzaglio, of San Antonio, Texas, Jerome E. (Sara Lee) Fronzaglio and Richard (Marie) Fronzaglio, all of Donora; nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Charles "Firebug" Davis. Friends will be received at the JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., 701 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-9020) on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., at which time a blessing service will be held with the Rev. Michael Yaksick officiating. Donations may be made on behalf of Undo's family to the funeral home. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer on-line condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Betty L. Keffer
Ligonier

Betty Louise Kelly Keffer, 90, died peacefully on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, in the Bethlen Home, Ligonier. She was born July 21, 1917, in Scottdale, the daughter of the late Edmund H. Kelly and Mary Livengood Kelly. Betty graduated from Scottdale High School and St. Margaret School of Nursing. She loved nursing and traveled the world, making a home in places as far-reaching as Japan and England as an Air Force wife. Until recently, Betty was a superb bridge player, a whole-hearted community volunteer and always ready for an adventure. She loved spending time with family and friends and keeping up with the many friends made during family travels. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and she will be sorely missed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Keffer III; son, John E. Keffer; and two brothers, James L. and Edmund K. Kelly. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Finley and husband, Bill, of Greensburg; daughter-in-law, Jayne DiCicco Keffer, of Coraopolis; four grandchildren, Kelly Finley, Michael Finley, Christina Keffer and Daniel Keffer; and three great-grandchildren. Very special to her was her loving sister-in-law, Allyene Kelly, of Belle Vernon, her cherished brother- and sister-in-law, Harry and Arlene Keffer, of Elizabeth; dear nieces and nephews and close friend, Kaye Stohl. Friends will be received Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held Wednesday, Jan 30, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Richard C. Klein officiating. Interment will follow in Rehoboth Cemetery, Rostraver Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: John E. Keffer Memorial Garden, c/o Coraopolis Memorial Library, 601 School St., Coraopolis, Pa. 15108, or the Rehoboth Cemetery Association Chapel, 441 Rehoboth Road, Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Gerald A. Kellman
Bethel Park

Gerald Allan Kellman, 54, of Bethel Park, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008. He was the beloved son of Barbara Kellman, who survives, and the late Milton Kellman. In addition, he is survived by two brothers, Paul (Adele) Kellman, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., and Dr. David Kellman, of New York, N.Y.; his beloved companion, LuAnne Kish; his nephew and niece, Simon Kellman, of New York, and Allison Kellman, of San Francisco, Calif.; his aunt, Joyce Siniakin, of Pittsburgh; and numerous cousins. Friends will be received at the RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL INC., 5509 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh (Shadyside), on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 10 to 11 a.m., at which time services will be held, followed by interment in the Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to: Hebrew Free Loan Association, Milton Kellman Fund, 4315 Murray Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Kret Ret.
Pensacola, Fla.

Bob "Bob Krett" Kret, 67, of Pensacola, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008. He was born March 27, 1940, in Pricedale (Rostraver Township), a son of the late Michael and Agnes Krett. In 1953, Bob, at the age of 13, moved to Tavares, Fla. He graduated from Tavares High School and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his master's degree from Ball State University. Bob was a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Together, with his wife, Wendy, they operated British Imports in Panama City, Fla., until retirement. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Randy, Tim, Debbie, Jackie, Glenn and Calvin; 16 grandchildren; two brothers, William (Frances) and Michael (Norma); uncles and aunts, James and Florence Weir, James and Catherine Johnston, and Nathalie Johnston; and several nephews and nieces. Interment was in Barrancas Cemetery at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Pensacola.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Harold L. Morgan
Vanderbilt

Harold L. Morgan, 83, of Vanderbilt, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in his home. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the RALPH E. GALLEY FUNERAL HOME, in Dawson, and until 11 a.m. Wednesday, the hour of the services, with the Rev. Robert Bixel and the Rev. Marvin Watson co-officiating. Interment will be in Green Ridge Memorial Park.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Roger Nedrow
Donora

A private funeral service was held for Roger Nedrow, 73, of Donora, who died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at his home. He was born in Rostraver Township on Sept. 2, 1934. He worked as a lineman and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He is survived by his wife, Judith T. Nedrow; two sons, Scott A. Nedrow and Gil C. Nedrow; one daughter, Jennifer Sarkissian; six grandchildren, Willie R. Nedrow, Allison and Luke Nedrow, and Sacha, Clara and Leon Sarkissian. The Nedrow family suggests memorial contributions in Roger's name be made to the American Lung Association through their Web site at www.lungusa.org. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Raymond F. Sanino
Monessen

Raymond Frank Sanino, 69, of Monessen, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in UPMC Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. Born Feb. 10, 1938, in Monessen, he was a son of Theresa Mazzei Sanino, who survives and resides in Belle Vernon, and the late Flavio "Pudgy" Sanino. He was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, Belle Vernon. Mr. Sanino was a retired manager from Prudential and, in 2000, retired as the manager of AAA in Fort Myers, Fla. He was a member Belle Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 3026, the Naomi Club and a social member of the Belle Vernon American Legion. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Norma Alberini Sanino, to whom he was married 49 years; two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Anita Sanino, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Michael and Sally Sanino, of Frederick, Md.; one daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Scott Haitz, of Reston, Va.; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Pat Sanino, of Dyer, Ind.; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Michael Presa, of Prince Frederick, Md.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Mark Sanino. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). A Prayer Service will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of St. Sebastian parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Raymond Sanino on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in memory of Raymond F. Sanino to the American Heart Association, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Catholic Relief Services. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen K. Sivak
Monessen

Helen K. Sivak, 88, of Monessen, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008. She was born in Monessen on March 19, 1919, a daughter of the late Vasil and Anna Chornak Krivyanik. She was a lifelong resident of Monessen and a 1937 graduate of Monessen High School. Mrs. Sivak was a former member of St. John the Divine Orthodox Church and its Ladies Guild in Monessen. She worked as a sewing machine operator at the former Brookvale Clothing Factory and had worked in the snack bar at the Rostraver Garden Ice Rink for many years. Mrs. Sivak enjoyed playing cards and belonged to several card clubs over the years. She is survived by three sons and one daughter-in-law, G. David and Kathy Sivak, of Hempfield Township, John Sivak, of Reno, Nev., and Myron Sivak, of Butler; her daughter, Mary Anne Sivak, with whom she made her home; a sister, Anna Williams, of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Sivak, in 1963; four brothers, George, John, Michael and William Krivyanik; and one sister, Mary Savage. Friends will be received Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Very Rev. John Horosky officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. A Parastas Service will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences accepted at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jonathan M. Murt
Rostraver Township

Jonathan M. Murt, 22, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), passed away Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, as a result of injuries sustained in a fire at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Jonathan was born in Pittsburgh on Feb. 10, 1985, the son of Thomas W. and Mary Lou Malinchak Murt. He was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon and a 2003 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, where he was a three-year varsity letterman and team captain in basketball. He also excelled in baseball and volleyball. Jonathan graduated with honors from West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Rho Chapter of ETA KAPPA NU electrical and computer engineering fraternity. He just recently began to flourish in his professional life with Converteam Inc., where he recently returned from a three-month company assignment in San Diego, Calif., and was looking forward to his next venture. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Thomas J. Murt and wife, Patricia, of Canonsburg; his maternal grandmother, Evelyn Malinchak, of Monessen; his aunts and uncle, Debra and Dr. John Danek, of Craven Hill, who also were his godparents, and Patricia Nandor, of Jeannette; and two cousins, Lauren and John J. Danek. Friends will be received Thursday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where a Blessing service will be held Friday, Feb. 1, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church, Belle Vernon, with the Rev. Lawrence Manchas as celebrant. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Planning to Tie the Knot?

Our upcoming special section, Brides, was created especially for brides-to-be. Inside, you'll find features designed to help you plan the perfect wedding day and beyond. From the latest bridal fashions and flowers to financial planning advice, invitation etiquette and honeymoon hot spots, there's something for everyone ... including the groom.

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POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Robert Ashbaugh, of Belle Vernon, suffered minor injuries when he lost control of his car at 12:54 a.m. today on Laurel Road, West Pike Run Township, because of the icy road conditions. He was transported to Mon Valley Hospital for treatment, police said.

■ Christopher Lechner, of Finleyville, suffered a minor injury when he lost control of his SUV at 11:35 p.m. Monday while negotiating a right hand curve on Ginger Hill Road, Nottingham Township, police said. His Chevrolet Blazer struck a tree, traveled onto an embankment and rolled onto its roof, according to police.

Monongahela

■ Blake Boyd, 37, of 428 Williams St., Monongahela, and Joshua Payne, 19, of 307 Venable St., West Newton, were each charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly fighting in the parking lot of Sheetz, 5 p.m. Saturday, police said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 29

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2008. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

On this date:

■ In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

■ In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

■ In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate compromise proposals on slavery.

■ In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

■ In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

■ In 1958, 50 years ago, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas.

■ In 1963, the first members of pro football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

■ In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.

■ In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

■ In 1996, fire destroyed Venice, Italy's La Fenice opera house.

■ **Ten years ago**: A bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing Robert Sanderson, an off-duty police officer working as a security guard, and critically injuring Emily Lyons, a nurse. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

■ **Five years ago**: The Congressional Budget Office predicted the current year's federal deficit would soar to $199 billion even without President Bush's new tax cut plan or war against Iraq. A dust explosion at the West Pharmaceutical Services plant in Kinston, N.C., killed six people and injured dozens more.

■ **One year ago**: Deeply distrustful of Iran, President Bush said "we will respond firmly" if Tehran escalated its military actions in Iraq and threatened American forces or Iraqi citizens. A Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israelis at a bakery in Eilat in the first such attack inside Israel in nine months. Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized because of medical complications eight months after his gruesome breakdown at the Preakness.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actor John Forsythe is 90. Actor Noel Harrison is 74. Author Germaine Greer is 69. Actress Katharine Ross is 68. Actor Tom Selleck is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 62. Actor Marc Singer is 60. Actress Ann Jillian is 58. Rock musician Tommy Ramone (Ramones) is 56. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 55. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 54.

Associated Press

Relatives visit an Iraqi police officer wounded in a roadside bomb attack on a patrol car today near the University of Technology in central Baghdad. The bomb exploded, wounding three officers and four civilians, including two university students.

Bomb targeting U.S. patrol kills one Iraqi

American soldiers honor their dead.

By BRADLEY J. BROOKS
Associated Press Writer

MOSUL, Iraq — A suicide car bomber targeted a U.S. patrol today in Mosul, killing at least one Iraqi and wounding as many as 15, the military and police said, a day after a roadside bomb killed five American soldiers in the increasingly lawless northern city.

At a U.S. base outside Mosul, scores of American troops and an honor guard stood at attention on the airfield tarmac as five coffins of their slain comrades were loaded onto a plane for the journey home.

A cold wind blew as the bleak ceremony began. Five groups of eight pallbearers each took turns unloading a flag-draped coffin from the back of five Humvee ambulances, as about 75 members of the fallen soldiers' unit stood at attention.

At least 100 other soldiers stood erect and silent through the 30-minute ceremony. Even civilian workers at the airport of Forward Operating Base Marez on the outskirts of Mosul formed an honor line as the dead soldiers bodies' were loaded into a gray C-130 transport plane.

Soldiers refused permission to photograph the ceremony, saying the pain of the sudden loss of five comrades was too great, and that not all the families had been notified.

"President Bush should be out here watching this ramp ceremony to see what it is really like," said one soldier, who asked not to be identified.

"The people who created this war need to be thinking about the families of these 18-year-olds who are dying."

In the attack that killed the five Americans, a roadside bomb blew apart a Humvee and gunmen opened fire from a mosque. A fierce gunbattle erupted as U.S. and Iraqi soldiers secured the area, the military said. Iraqi troops entered the mosque but the insurgents had already fled, according to a statement.

Monday's attack on the American patrol was the deadliest roadside bombing since Nov. 5, when four soldiers were killed by a blast that destroyed their Humvee in the northern Tamim province.

It was the deadliest single fatal incident since six soldiers perished Jan. 9 in a booby-trapped house north of Baghdad — raised the Pentagon's January death count to at least 36.

The toll so far is 56 percent higher than December's 23 U.S. military deaths and marks the first monthly increase since August. But the figures remain well below monthly death tolls of more than 100 last spring.

There was other fighting in the neighborhood. An Iraqi officer, declining to be identified because he was not authorized to release the information, said three civilians were wounded and helicopters bombarded buildings in the district, the scene of frequent attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces.

Also Monday, insurgents attacked four policemen heading home from work south of Mosul, killing two and wounding the other two, Nineveh provincial police said.

Fed weighs another rate reduction

Borrowing costs likely to drop again.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Individuals and businesses are likely to see their borrowing costs drop further as the Federal Reserve weighs another interest-rate reduction to bolster a sagging economy.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are scheduled to open a two-day meeting Tuesday afternoon to plot their next move on interest rates. The closed-door gathering comes amid growing fears the country is either on the brink of a recession or has already started slipping into one given the strains from a housing market collapse, a global credit crunch and turbulence on Wall Street. The country's last recession was in 2001.

Many economists believe the Fed will lower its key rate, now at 3.5 percent, by as much as one-half percentage point to 3 percent when policymakers wrap up their meeting Wednesday afternoon.

If that scenario plays out, commercial banks would be expected to lower their prime lending rate by a corresponding amount — from 6.5 percent to 6 percent. The prime rate applies to certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans. Should all this happen, then both the Fed's key rate and the prime rate would be at nearly three-year lows.

In an emergency gathering convened by Bernanke last week, the Fed ordered a rare, three-quarter-point reduction to its key rate. That move came after stocks worldwide plummeted, intensifying recession fears.

PENNSYLVANIA 'CASH 5'

'Cash 5'jackpot at least $200,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 107 players matched four numbers and won $275.50 each; 3,553 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 36,840 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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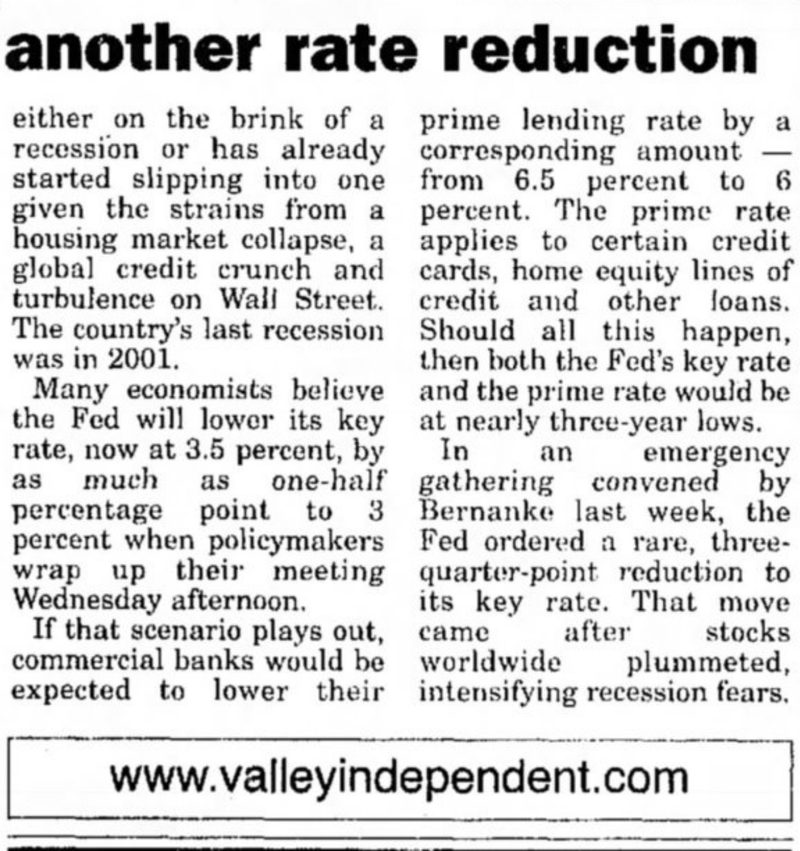

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Charges of simple assault and harassment against John Edward Fiorino, 54, of 811 Washington St., North Belle Vernon, were dismissed. Fiorino was charged after an incident Nov. 19 at his residence.

■ Jay Ceigh Franklin, 21, of 605 Bitner Road, Dunbar, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Franklin was charged with procurement of drugs by fraud after an incident Dec. 14 at Hometown Pharmacy on Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

■ John Paul Roberts, 37, of 1043 Broad Ave., Apt. 5, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Roberts was charged with driving under the influence, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and traffic violations after an incident Nov. 22 in the 900 block of Trail Alley in North Belle Vernon.

■ Douglas Arthur Turner, 28, of 505 Bluff St., Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Turner was charged with retail theft after an incident Dec. 17 in Kmart Plaza, Rostraver Township.

■ Robert J. Popelas, 19, of 1607 Coolidge Ave., Monessen, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Popelas was charged with aggravated assault, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, resisting arrest and traffic violations after an incident Nov. 29 in the 300 block of Henry Street in North Belle Vernon.

■ Shawn Thomas Calcagni, 46, of 114 Naylor Drive, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Calcagni was charged with retail theft after an incident Jan. 5 at Shop 'n' Save in Rostraver Township.

■ Dustin M. Thomas, 25, of 369 Lake Lynn Road, Lake Lynn, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Thomas was charged with two violations of the controlled substance act after an incident Nov. 4 on Municipal Drive in Rostraver Township.

■ A warrant was issued against Randee Cowden, no age listed, of 701 Walnut St., Monongahela, for not appearing for a preliminary hearing. Cowden was charged with bad checks for checks written on Sept. 23 and Oct. 5.

■ A bad checks charge against Tracee Linn, no age listed, of 10 Ernest Ave., Monongahela, was dismissed. Linn was charged in connection with a check written Aug. 23.

■ A warrant was issued against Regis A. Hinerman Jr., no age listed, of 6201 Roslyn St., McKeesport, for not appearing for a preliminary hearing. Hinerman was charged in connection with a check written Oct. 12.

NEWS OF THE NATION

Foreclosures soared in 2007

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The number of U.S. homes that slipped into some stage of foreclosure in 2007 was 79 percent higher than in the previous year, a real estate tracking company said today. Many homeowners started to fall behind on mortgage payments in the last three months, setting the stage for more foreclosures this year.

About 1.3 million homes received foreclosure-related warnings last year, up from 717,522 in 2006, Irvine-based RealtyTrac Inc. said. Foreclosure filings rose 75 percent from the previous year to 2.2 million.

More than 1 percent of all U.S. households were in some phase of the foreclosure process last year, up from about half a percent in 2006, RealtyTrac said.

Nevada, Florida, Michigan and California posted the highest foreclosure rates, the company said.

The filings included notices warning owners that they were in default, or that their home was slated for auction or for repossession by a bank. Some properties may have received more than one notice if the owners had multiple mortgages.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, JAN. 28

DAY PICK 3:	1-3-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-4-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-7-9-8
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	3-0-8-9
TREASURE HUNT:	1-9-19-21-26
MIX & MATCH:	18-10-13-4-1
CASH 5:	11-21-24-25-33

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, JAN. 28

DAY PICK 3:	9-9-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-8-7
DAY PICK 4:	4-1-8-3
NIGHT PICK 4:	8-0-2-4
ROLLING CASH 5:	1-14-22-28-34

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, JAN. 28

DAILY 3:	9-2-3
DAILY 4:	8-4-3-5
CASH 25:	2-6-13-14-16-18

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OUR OPINION

Rendell piling up mistakes

ED RENDELL certainly has been on a roll lately. The only problem is, he keeps rolling into ditches carrying raw sewage. To wit:

■ The New York Times and Los Angeles Times have been documenting another campaign finance scandal involving the Democrat Pennsylvania governor. Rendell accepted $1,000 from Ali D. Ata in September 2005. Ata is a co-defendant of Tony Rezko, recently at the center of a spat between presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

The federal government alleges in a May 2007 indictment that in February 2004, Ata, then the executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority, aided Rezko in a $10 million fraud scheme. Incredibly, a Rendell spokesman says the governor won't make any decision about returning the money until after Ata's case is adjudicated.

And this, fast on the heels of Rendell embracing common criminal Norman Hsu.

■ Rendell told KDKA radio's Marty Griffin last week there would be "selective enforcement" of Allegheny County's new 10 percent tax on "poured" alcoholic drinks. Big hotels and restaurants will be targeted; neighborhood bars and small restaurants won't be, he said.

"You look the other way, sir?" asked Mr. Griffin.

"You can say that," said the governor.

So Ed Rendell, all by his lonesome, has amended the Pennsylvania Constitution's uniform taxation clause? And what part of his constitutional oath of office does Rendell not understand? Is it the part about supporting, obeying and defending the state charter? Or is it the part about discharging his duties with "fidelity"?

■ For the umpteenth time, Gov. Rendell has been caught playing numbers games to make the dubious economic performance of his administration appear to be what it is not.

Friday last, he released a 170-page report — "Governor's Report on State Performance" — touting that nearly half-a-million jobs — 469,000, to be precise — have been "created, retained or pledged" between 2004 and 2007.

The only problem is, as The Associated Press reported, "many of the jobs promised by companies that accept state financial incentives" — i.e., taxpayer subsidies — "never materialize."

Saying it's a "selective" use of statistics, as state Auditor General Jack Wagner did last year, is kind. Let's call it what it is — a "public-purpose" fraud. Oh, and taxpayers are ponying up about $20,000 to be spun by Fast Eddie's report.

As bad as this all is, the sheeple of Pennsylvania haven't much bleated a peep. But since when is it acceptable to have a governor who embraces one criminal, says he'll hang on to a campaign donation from someone under federal indictment, spits on the state Constitution and routinely uses smoke and mirrors to inflate his record?

It is not acceptable. Start bleating, sheeple, and start acting like we the people should.

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Republicans need 'rebranding'

Morton **KONDRACKE**

As Congressional Republicans try to "rebrand" themselves for the 2008 elections, the House Suburban Caucus is back with proposals designed to protect some of the most vulnerable GOP members.

The agenda includes establishment of federal "401 Kids" tax-deferred accounts for children, a requirement that school and library computers filter out Internet predators and permission for teachers to search school lockers and backpacks for guns.

Other proposals include a federal requirement that importers disclose potential contaminants in food brought into the United States and federal deadlines for doctors and hospitals to establish electronic medical records and prescribe medicines online.

The co-chairmen of the 70-member Suburban Caucus, Reps. Mark Kirk (Illinois), a moderate, and Pete Sessions (Texas), a conservative, are scheduled to present the agenda — and polling data backing it up — at the House GOP retreat last weekend in West Virginia.

House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, has been talking for more than a year about the need for Republicans to "rebrand" themselves or remain in the minority.

The main item on his agenda appears to be reform of the earmark system whose abuse led to scandals that helped hand control of Congress to the Democrats in 2006.

At the moment, polls indicate that the GOP is far from any hope of regaining control of the House. The Real Clear Politics average of generic congressional polls indicates that voters prefer Democrats by a 7.6-point margin.

Exit polls in 2006 showed that Democrats outpolled Republicans by just 4 points, 50 percent to 46 percent, and picked up 30 seats.

And it's almost universally accepted that Democrats will gain seats in the Senate this year inasmuch as five or six GOP-held seats are vulnerable, but only one or two Democratic seats.

Both House and Senate Republicans — and President Bush, too — plan to make "health insurance for every American" a major item on their policy agenda in an effort to catch up to Democratic presidential candidates.

However, Republicans will emphasize tax credits to enable families to buy private insurance rather than "government-run" insurance programs or mandates of the type called for by Democrats.

It's a disputed issue among Republicans whether to make the credits refundable and available to lower-income people who don't pay income taxes. The White House was prepared to accept that idea last year, but it was torpedoed in Congress by conservative antitax groups.

Senate Republicans recently held a one-day policy retreat and unveiled proposals that leaders said would attract bipartisan support, including a task force recommended by Sens. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., to address entitlement reform.

Another proposal, backed by Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Conrad, would permit employers to require that their workers speak English on the job — a measure designed to reverse a decision by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Before the retreat, Alexander, the No. 3 Senate GOP leader, said in an interview that "our message is that we're ready to go to work and not take a year off because there's an election. People want results. And that necessitates bipartisanship because it takes 60 votes to pass anything in the Senate."

Alexander stipulated, though, that "we'll stand up for our principles" and refuse, for example, to accept Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's, D-Nev., request for a delay in voting on renewal of authority for the president to tap overseas terrorist communications routed through the United States.

With the economy emerging as the No. 1 issue on the minds of voters, both House and Senate Republicans will back a stimulus package that emphasizes accelerated depreciation for U.S. businesses and tax rebates, although the White House has indicated it will compromise with Democrats to include making payments to persons who pay no income taxes.

At a panel discussion held by House GOP moderates on Wednesday, Rep. Phil English (Pennsylvania), a member of the Ways and Means Committee, said the stimulus should be even larger than the $150 billion proposed by Bush — at least $200 billion, he said.

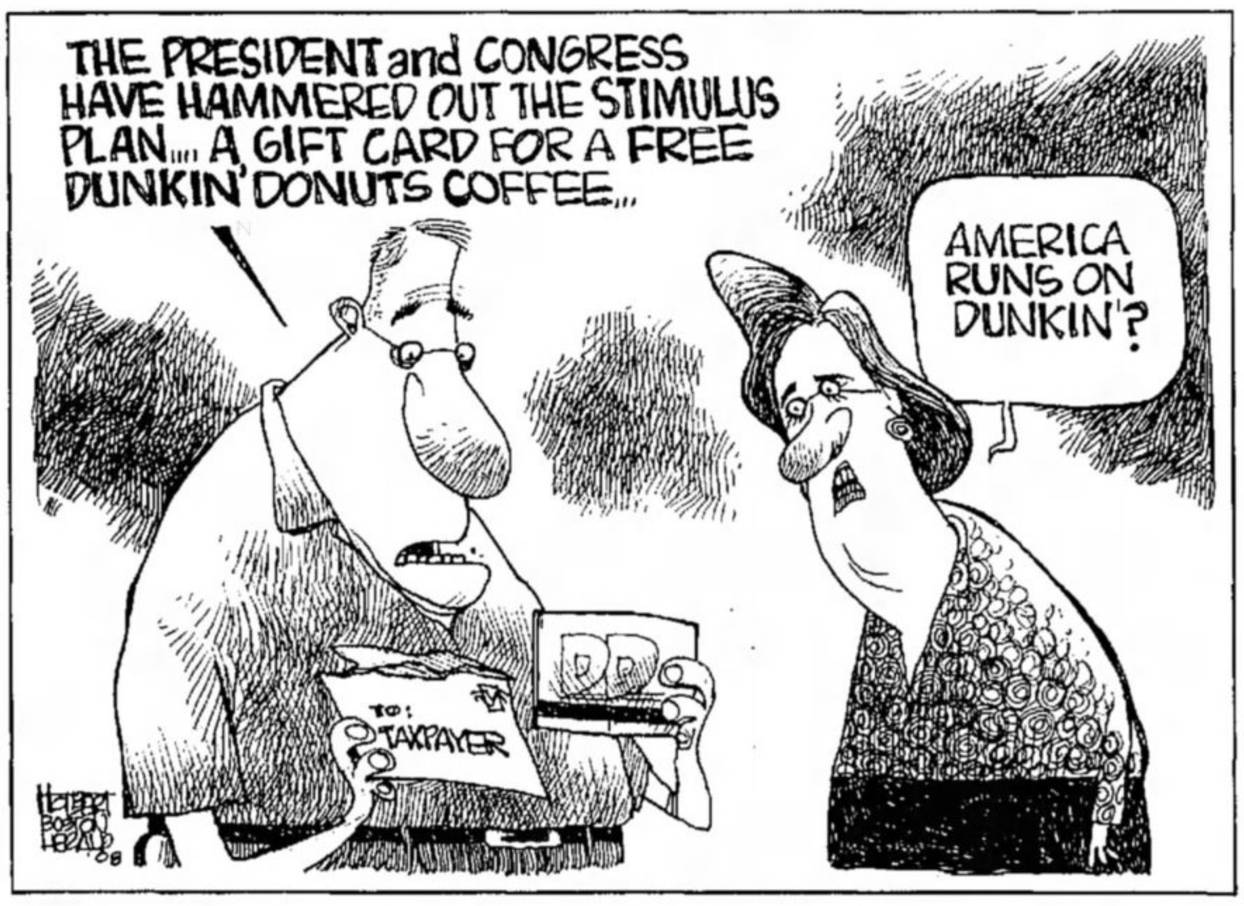
At the gathering, Kirk also proposed temporarily re-creating the Depression-era Home Owners' Loan Corp. to refinance subprime mortgages.

A poll commissioned by Kirk and Sessions' Suburban Caucus indicated that Republicans and independents overwhelmingly approve of cutting corporate tax rates and extending Bush's 2001 tax cuts. Democratic polls dispute those findings, however.

The poll, conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, showed whopping support across party lines for all the items on the suburban agenda — which Kirk said would help convince fellow Republicans to embrace it.

The poll was conducted in 10 suburban districts, from California to Connecticut, where Republicans have targets on their backs. They need new ideas and for their party to be rebranded.

Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill.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TO: TAXPAYER

Help still needed

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

I am Danna Miller, family friend and the founder of the Jaymes Snodgrass Medical fund. I am no relation to any of the fire victims, but they were former neighbors.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 8, my husband's fire pager started going off. It was a house fire with entrapment, and as the address was stated, I could not believe what I was hearing — the address was my former neighbors' new house. Two families' lives were changed forever as a result of that fire.

Brian Miller 19, jumped from the attic window, suffering a bruised ankle and a concussion, and Jaymes Snodgrass, 18, ran through the flames to escape the fire. His family never left his side before he died Dec. 26 at West Penn Hospital.

After the fire, I called every church in Monongahela, including my own, to start a prayer chain. Total strangers started responding to my pleas of help for the Snodgrass family. The family felt helpless and did not know what else to do but pray. Plus, Jaymes had no health insurance.

Thank you to every church in Monongahela and their members for prayers, calls and support. You helped encourage my faith to continue helping the family with every phone call, and e-mail I received, which I forwarded to Jaymes' family.

Also, thank you to everyone who donated to the medical fund through Citizens Bank. The donations were a kind gesture and the family feels blessed that so many strangers cared enough about Jaymes to give so kindly.

I also want to thank the following for all their support: Monongahela Mayor Bob Kepics and my husband, Councilman Daryl A. Miller, for placing donation cans throughout the city. Also, thank you to the following businesses for hosting donation cans: Cox's Market; Peggie's Mini Mart; The Bees Nest; Span & Taylor; Hills Restaurant; First Federal Bank, National City Bank and Charleroi Federal Bank. Also, thank you to the Mon Valley Care Center for the baked goods and the ham barbecue sale; The Eagle Aery in New Eagle and Kenny from Foodland.

Thank you to the businesses who displayed posters for the Central Blood Bank blood drive, the Monongahela Fire Department for letting us have the blood drive and the firefighters and their families for donating blood and their time. Also, thanks to city council for their donations, as well as Cox's Market, the New Eagle Bakery and Dettore Pizza. Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and drinks to the blood drive and for those who waited for many hours to give the greatest gift of all – blood.

Both the Snodgrass family, and I were truly overwhelmed at the turnout.

The Snodgrass family is truly blessed to have the entire community supporting them.

Although Jaymes has gone home to the Lord, he leaves behind medical bills, funeral expenses and a child. Donations are still being accepted at any Citizens Bank to help Jaymes' family. Checks must be made to the "Jaymes Snodgrass Medical Fund." Those with questions can call (724) 258-0162 or e-mail js_medicalfund@yahoo.com

Again thank you and may the Lord bless all of you,

Danna Miller
Monongahela

Prenatal classes help moms-to-be

Lamaze is one of many options for women with questions about childbirth.

By LAURA URBANI
For The Valley Independent

When Nancy Carr discovered she was pregnant, she began searching the Internet. She wanted to learn more about childbirth and the possibility of using a doula, or birth coach.

That led her to Carolyn White, a certified doula and a childbirth educator at Indiana Regional Medical Center.

Before long, Carr realized Web sites couldn't answer all her questions, so she signed up for White's Lamaze classes.

"It was something that I definitely wanted to take," said Carr, 32, of Clarksburg in Indiana County.

Prenatal classes in general — and Lamaze courses in particular — focus on educating mothers-to-be. Educators explain the process of labor and delivery, discuss pain control options and answer questions so moms and dads know what to expect.

The Lamaze approach stresses that childbirth is a normal and natural experience, shared by the mother and her partner with a minimum of medical intervention.

Carr credits the training with helping her to deliver a healthy baby boy, even though he was born six weeks early.

"It helped me not to be scared," she said. "One of the reasons I took it was to be informed. Knowledge is power."

Changing times

That may be true, but childbirth educators say their target audience is changing.

Even pregnant women are busy these days, and they can find online information — both facts and opinions — anytime of the day or night. In some places, that's meant fewer women attending prenatal classes.

"We definitely noticed a decrease in attendance, so we adjusted our classes," White said. "These are challenging times."

A recent study published in the Journal of Perinatal Education confirms that assessment.

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> Childbirth educator Nancy Aaron

While noting a nationwide drop-off in attendance at prenatal classes, it identified "dilemmas" affecting childbirth education:

- Some moms-to-be feel that classes are a burden and prenatal information isn't necessary.
- Fewer women want to socialize with other expectant mothers or develop a support network through a class.
- Educators sometimes struggle to balance scientific information with a community's cultural beliefs.

In the past, many educators — particularly those teaching the Lamaze method — advocated strictly for natural, unmedicated births. Today, pregnant women expect them to provide information and help them to make informed choices.

Childbirth educators have responded to changing expectations by adjusting both the timing and the content of classes.

Indiana Regional Hospital scaled back its regular Lamaze offerings, holding 12 sessions a year instead of 24. Weekly classes meet for 2 1/2 hours every Tuesday and are completed in a month.

For those who can't attend weekly meetings, the hospital added weekend classes and sessions at its outreach clinic. White also teaches three-hour private lessons.

Breast-feeding and baby care workshops are offered, too, with a total of 16 hours of training available to new parents.

"The number of monthly series at the hospital has decreased," said White, who has taught Lamaze for 10 years. "But in a way we have increased our classes."

Nancy Aaron, a childbirth educator at West Penn Hospital's Forbes Regional campus in Monroeville, has been working with expectant parents for 30 years.

"We used to offer prenatal classes and (separate) Lamaze classes," she said. These days, she incorporates Lamaze techniques and other information into more comprehensive lessons.

"There was some repetition," she said. "We developed a series of four classes that covers everything."

Women seem to appreciate the condensed classes, which total 20 hours of instruction, Aaron said.

"They're not taking more classes, but the classes are more complete. It's a better use of the time because there's no repetition."

Evenings and weekends

Excela Health offers several prenatal classes at Westmoreland and Latrobe hospitals. Weeknight and weekend sessions of "Childbirth and Beyond" cover the basics of labor and delivery, along with pain-control options, caesarean birth and postpartum care.

Excela also has found a steady audience for traditional Lamaze training. A 12-hour series, "Lamaze: It's Not All About Breathing," is offered six times a year.

"I've never had to cancel a class due to (lack of) involvement," said Lamaze instructor Karen Crouse. "My classes have always been consistent."

Educators realize that childbirth classes may not always be convenient, even if moms-to-be want to attend.

"I think a lot has to do with schedules," said White, of Indiana. "There are so many women in the work force, especially in our area, where so many people work different shifts. Taking classes has decreased as a priority. There's too much going on in life."

On the other hand, White said, she's encountered some women who just don't want to know what to expect in the delivery room. "For some, the answer is, 'I didn't want to be biased. I just wanted to experience the birth.'"

Associated Press

An expert panel is determining whether cold medicines for young children are safe and effective.

Next step on cold medicine for children comes Friday

Panel expected to make recommendation to FDA.

By ANDREW BRIDGES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A further shakeup in the marketplace for cold and cough medicines used billions of times each year in treating the youngest children is likely, as government health advisers weigh options from an outright ban to more study.

The Food and Drug Administration expects a recommendation from the joint panel of outside experts late Friday, at the conclusion of a two-day meeting. Its purpose was to determine whether the widely used over-the-counter medicines are safe and work in young children.

The drug industry says the medicines, used 3.8 billion times a year in treating cold and cough symptoms in children, do work and are safe, but agrees more parent education is needed to avoid rare but fatal overdoses.

Pediatricians pushing for greater restrictions in how the medicines are marketed insist the medicines not only don't work but can be dangerous as well.

Those doctors told FDA advisers Thursday that the over-the-counter medicines shouldn't be given to children younger than 6. Such a prohibition would go beyond last week's drug industry move to eliminate sales of the nonprescription drugs targeted at children under 2.

Some of the drugs — which include Wyeth's Dimetapp and Robitussin, Johnson & Johnson's Pediacare and Novartis AG's Triaminic products — have never been tested in children, something flagged as long ago as 1972 by a previous FDA panel. An FDA review found just 11 studies of children published over the last half-century. Those studies did not establish the medicines work in those cases, according to the agency.

MVH sets weekly schedule

Monongahela Valley Hospital will offer the following programs next week:

- Feb. 4 - Baby Care Class, 6:30 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. Instructional session for parents-to-be in the last trimester of pregnancy. Information is given on home safety, basic car seat safety, immunizations, breast and bottle feeding, pacifiers, bathing an infant and additional topics. For more information, call (724) 258-BABY (2229).
- Feb. 5, 6, 7 - Managing Your Diabetes, 8:30 a.m., Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. 3-day, 2 hour per day education series that focuses on diabetes self-management and care. Registration is required prior to the start of classes. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1483.

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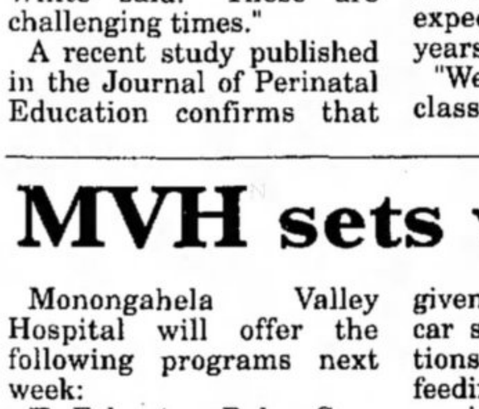

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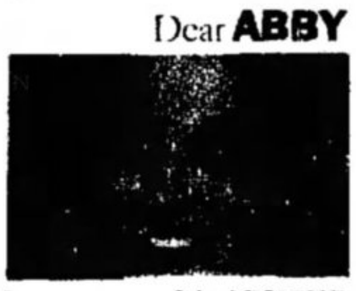
Public hero is private abuser of new wife who loves him

Dear **ABBY**



DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rick," sometimes hits me and calls me names. It hurts me because he's my life, and I love him to death. When I try to tell friends about it, they don't believe me because Rick is a firefighter. They all say, "I don't think he's like that," and when I tell them he IS like that, they get mad at me.

Rick and I haven't been married long. I love him with all my heart and don't want to leave him, but I just don't know what I should do. Please help me. I am all alone in this, and I need some help. — **WOUNDED IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR WOUNDED: There is a name for people — male and female — who hit their spouses and call them names. It's ABUSER.

I don't know whether Rick has no conscience or no control. But what you must do, for your own safety, is pick up the phone and call the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is: (800) 799-7233.

I promise you that once you begin talking, the person on the other end of the line will believe you and will give you a referral to the help you so desperately need. Please do it now, before Rick really injures you, because it's only a matter of time until he does.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 61-year-old man who has been faithful in his 35-year marriage. But I am very unhappy because I am continually hounded by my wife about previous mistakes I have committed. The incidents involved alcohol and smoking, and occurred many years ago. She has never forgiven me and brings up the subject frequently.

My wife has withdrawn sex from me for 20 years because of her jealousy about my love for my mother. (Mom died in 1994.)

I am so alone, but my wife will not seek counseling. If someone would just hug me. I feel like I'm huddled in a corner and ... **FREEZING TO DEATH IN KANSAS**

DEAR FREEZING TO DEATH: A sentence should fit the crime, and after 35 years you have been punished enough. Because your wife refuses to seek counseling to heal this fractured marriage doesn't mean that you shouldn't talk to a counselor. It's something you should have done years ago.

If you are reluctant to do it for yourself, then do it for your wife. You're not the only partner in this relationship who is huddled in a corner freezing. So is she, even if it's by her own choice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old college student. My problem is, I have no credit. My family was always adamant about my not getting a credit card because they were afraid I'd go overboard. However, I'm always careful with my money.

My worry now is that I won't be able to buy a home in the future because I won't be able to get a loan due to lack of credit. How does a person go about getting credit? — **CREDITLESS IN THE USA**

DEAR CREDITLESS: Do you have a bank account? If so, contact your bank and inquire about applying for a credit card. In the beginning, your credit limit will be low. However, as you pay your bills on time, your credit limit will rise. This is how a person establishes credit.

If you have full-time employment, do not default on your bills and deposit money into your savings account on a regular basis, in time I am sure your bank will be willing to help you finance a home.

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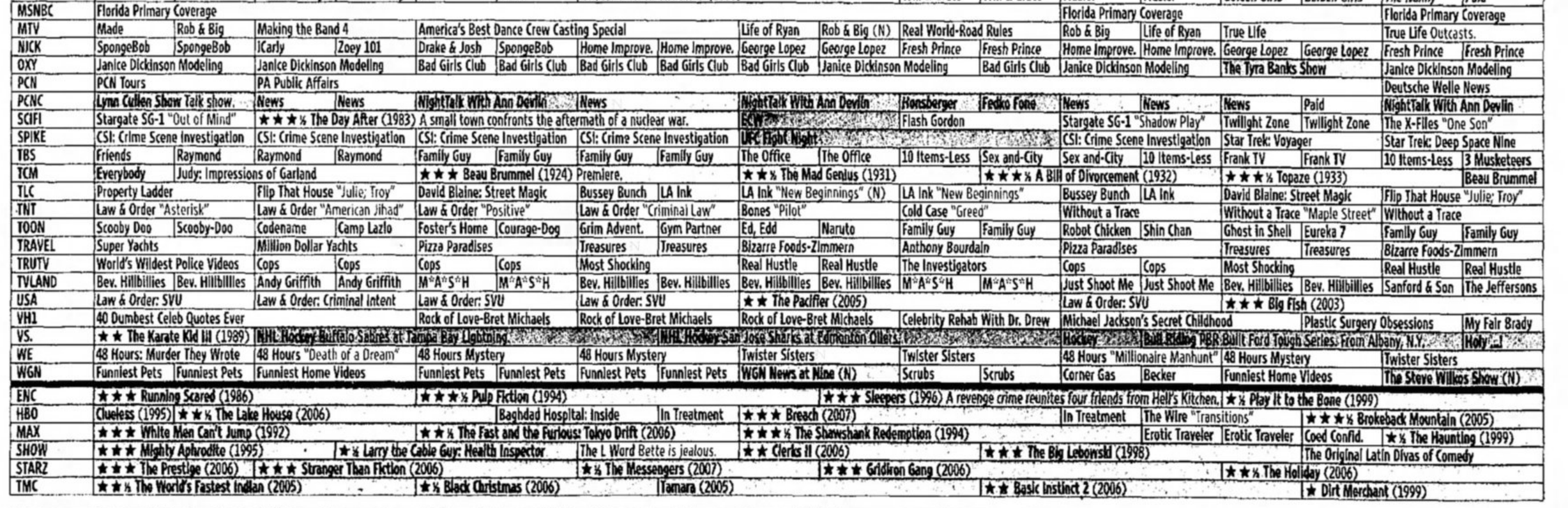
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Dirty Jobs "Cave Biologist"		Dirty Jobs "Buoy Cleaner" (N)		Some Assembly Required (N)		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs "Cave Biologist"		Dirty Jobs "Buoy Cleaner"		Some Assembly Required	
DISNEY	Cory in House	Cory in House	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★★½ Brother Bear (2003)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	Wild Dating 2	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	25 Most Sensational Hollywood Meltdowns				Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Ohio State at Penn State.				College Basketball Tennessee at Alabama.				SportsCenter		NFL Live	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		On the Auction Block (N)		American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Xtreme Bulls		Boxing: Charles vs. Layne III		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		College Basketball Virginia Commonwealth at George Mason.				NBA Coast-to-Coast					NFL's Greatest Game			2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Choices-Face	Dead, Water	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ in City	Catholic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		You Decide 2008 Florida. (N)				On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Football Party"		Good Eats	Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	SportsBeat	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New Jersey Devils.					FSN Live	In My Words	Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Penguins	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ The Italian Job (2003)			★★½ Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005) Premiere.					Nip/Tuck "Kyle Ainge" (N)		Nip/Tuck "Kyle Ainge"		'70s Show	'70s Show	Married... With	Married... With	Paid	Guthy-Renker
GOLF	Golf Academy	Inside PGA	Jebel Ali Challenge Highlights		Tiger World	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Big Break: Mesquite		Tiger and Phil	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Inside PGA	Golf Central	Play Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Straight From the Heart (2003)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell	House Worth?	Hid Potential	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell
HIST	Tsunami 2004: Waves of Death		Modern Marvels "Traps"		The Universe "Alien Moons"		The Universe "Astrobiology"		Mega Disasters		Modern Marvels		The Universe "Alien Moons"		The Universe "Astrobiology"		Mega Disasters	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Murder on Pleasant Drive (2006)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Florida Primary Coverage												Florida Primary Coverage				Florida Primary Coverage	
MTV	Made	Rob & Big	Making the Band 4		America's Best Dance Crew Casting Special				Life of Ryan	Rob & Big (N)	Real World-Road Rules		Rob & Big	Life of Ryan	True Life		True Life Outcasts.	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	Zoey 101	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling	Bad Girls Club		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		Janice Dickinson Modeling	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Konsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Out of Mind"		★★★½ The Day After (1983) A small town confronts the aftermath of a nuclear war.						ECW		Flash Gordon		Stargate SG-1 "Shadow Play"		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "One Son"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		UFC Fight Night:				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	10 Items-Less	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	10 Items-Less	Frank TV	Frank TV	10 Items-Less	3 Musketeers
TCM	Everybody	Judy: Impressions of Garland			★★★ Beau Brummel (1924) Premiere.				★★½ The Mad Genius (1931)			★★★½ A Bill of Divorcement (1932)			★★★½ Topaze (1933)			Beau Brummel
TLC	Property Ladder		Flip That House "Julie; Troy"		David Blaine: Street Magic		Bussey Bunch	LA Ink	LA Ink "New Beginnings" (N)		LA Ink "New Beginnings"		Bussey Bunch	LA Ink	David Blaine: Street Magic		Flip That House "Julie; Troy"	
TNT	Law & Order "Asterisk"		Law & Order "American Jihad"		Law & Order "Positive"		Law & Order "Criminal Law"		Bones "Pilot"		Cold Case "Greed"		Without a Trace		Without a Trace "Maple Street"		Without a Trace	
TOON	Scooby Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster's Home	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Robot Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Super Yachts		Million Dollar Yachts		Pizza Paradises		Treasures	Treasures	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain		Pizza Paradises		Treasures	Treasures	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern	
TRUTV	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Real Hustle	Real Hustle	The Investigators		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Real Hustle	Real Hustle
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★★ The Pacifier (2005)				Law & Order: SVU		★★★ Big Fish (2003)			
VH1	40 Dumbest Celeb Quotes Ever				Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Michael Jackson's Secret Childhood			Plastic Surgery Obsessions		My Fair Brady
VS.	★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)		NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Tampa Bay Lightning.					NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Edmonton Oilers.					Hockey		Bull Riding PBR Built Ford Tough Series. From Albany, N.Y.		Holy ...	
WE	48 Hours: Murder They Wrote		48 Hours "Death of a Dream"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery		Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters		48 Hours "Millionaire Manhunt"		48 Hours Mystery		Twister Sisters	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★★ Running Scared (1986)				★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994)						★★★ Sleepers (1996) A revenge crime reunites four friends from Hell's Kitchen.				★½ Play It to the Bone (1999)			
HBO	Clueless (1995)	★★½ The Lake House (2006)					Baghdad Hospital: Inside	In Treatment	★★★ Breach (2007)				In Treatment	The Wire "Transitions"		★★★½ Brokeback Mountain (2005)		
MAX	★★★ White Men Can't Jump (1992)				★★½ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)				★★★½ The Shawshank Redemption (1994)					Erotic Traveler	Erotic Traveler	Coed Confid.	★½ The Haunting (1999)	
SHOW	★★★ Mighty Aphrodite (1995)		★½ Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector				The L Word Bette is jealous.		★★ Clerks II (2006)			★★★ The Big Lebowski (1998)				The Original Latin Divas of Comedy		
STARZ	★★★ The Prestige (2006)		★★★ Stranger Than Fiction (2006)				★½ The Messengers (2007)				★★★ Gridiron Gang (2006)				★★½ The Holiday (2006)			
TMC	★★½ The World's Fastest Indian (2005)				★½ Black Christmas (2006)			Tamara (2005)				★★ Basic Instinct 2 (2006)				★ Dirt Merchant (1999)		



NHL enters stretch drive

An injury to the Penguins' Sidney Crosby is one of several story lines as the NHL kicks off the second half of its season. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

Moss on Mini-Page

New England wide receiver Randy Moss is featured on today's Mini-Page. **7B**

St. Mary's upset

St. Mary's re-entered the Top 25 this week, but may be back out after losing to San Diego. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who has played in the most Super Bowls? **2B**

Last night's games

Dallas 103, Memphis 84
New Orleans 117, Denver 93
Utah 97, San Antonio 91
Charlotte 107, L.A. Clippers 100

Super Tuesday for Greyhounds

Joe Salvino calls tonight's Washington showdown the most important game of the season.

By JEFF OLIVER
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MONESSEN — With a magic number of one to clinch the Class AA Section 5 title and a regular season ending contest at home Friday with oft-beaten Brownsville ahead, don't tell Monessen coach Joe Salvino that tonight's game at Washington has lost some of its luster.

Washington (16-6, 10-2) lost at Burgettstown Friday, giving Monessen (12-0, 17-4) a two-game cushion with two games to play.

Still, Salvino says tonight's game is the biggest game of the season for the Greyhounds.

"The section is one thing, but we're playing for seeding now," Salvino said. "I addressed that with the team already. Just because Washington lost to Burgettstown, don't go in there thinking anything less.

"To beat Wash High twice in one season would really help our seeding for the playoffs. That's our goal right now, to earn the best seed possible."

Even though the Greyhounds have won every section game to date and have rolled up 17 wins in their last 18 games, earning respect in rugged Class AA has been a tough thing to do.

The Greyhounds are ranked no higher than fifth in some WPIAL polls and lower in others.

In the state rankings, Monessen is nowhere to be found, not even in honorable mention.

However, Salvino probably likes flying under the radar especially because even he admits to being somewhat surprised at where his team is right now.

"I knew at the beginning of the season we could be pretty good, but with the injuries and other things we had to deal with at the start, I didn't know how far behind we'd be and if we could catch up," said Salvino.

"So I don't think I expected us to be 12-0 right now, but things have fallen into place for us. And really, it is a tribute to the players for not allowing us to fall behind until we got everybody back. The players have worked very hard so far."

In the first meeting against the Prexies, Monessen won 54-42, and Salvino said a key to that game was rebounding and defense.

He looks for the same from his team in the rematch.

"We're going to have to box out and keep them off the boards," he said. "We can't give them too many second chances. Plus, we have to work hard on defense. We always have to work hard on defense."

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Salvino also knows his team has not played very well over the years at Washington's unique gym, which features seats on the sidelines close to the court and a lot of open space behind both baskets.

"It's a tough place to get used to," he said. "It seems like we always have at least one player have the ball out of bounds and think he is in bounds. And the depth perception behind the glass is difficult."

He then paused and added with a chuckle, "Of course, Wash High has had some pretty good teams, too."

Monessen's nine-player rotation is led by Tim Tyree (17 ppg) and Terrance Stepoli (13 ppg).

No other starter averages in double figures for Monessen, but Salvino says that he has several players who can score 15 or more points on a given night.

"This team has been very unselfish," he said. "They all want to play and they realize there is only one basketball. Again, I give them credit for grasping the team aspect of the game and putting all of their efforts into winning and team goals and not individual stuff."

NOTES: Tonight's game will be broadcast live on WJPA (95.3 FM). Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Monessen survives injury scares

Mornak, Chukwuedo and Stepoli all got up after falling in pain.

By JEFF OLIVER
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MONESSEN — With one game remaining in the regular season, the last thing Monessen girls' basketball coach Major Corley wants to see is a significant injury to any of his key players.

But in last night's Class A Section 3 66-20 blowout against visiting Avella, Corley almost saw his worst nightmare come true.

Three times.

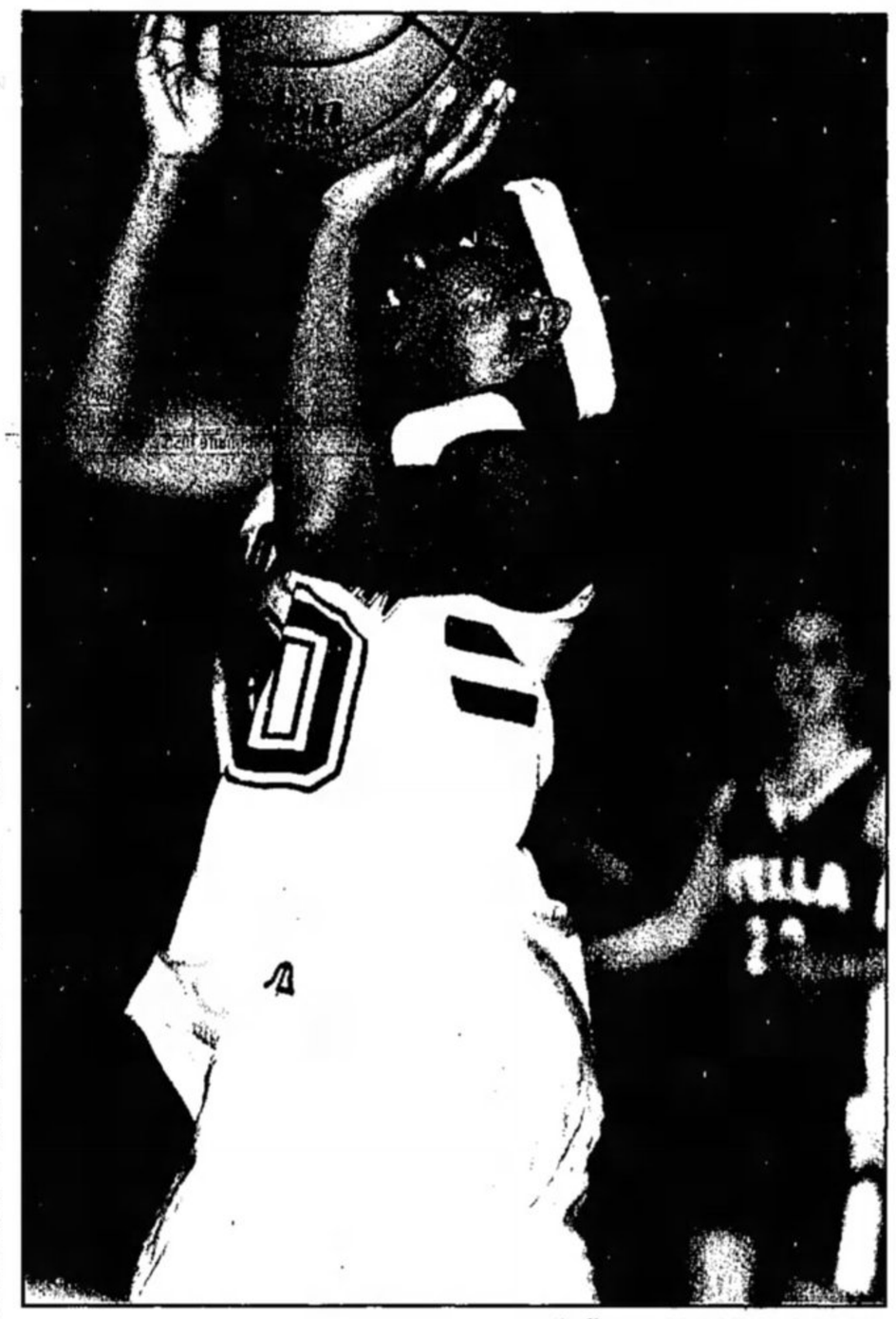
In the opening minute of the game Monessen's second-leading scorer, Kelly Mornak, went down clutching her ankle. After a couple minutes on the floor, she got up and hobbled to the bench.

Less than 90 seconds later, his leading scorer, Christina Chukwuedo was lying on the floor in pain. Chukwuedo eventually got up and was helped to the bench.

Then, in the opening minute of the second quarter, third-leading scorer and top rebounder Samone Stepoli went down in a heap writhing in pain from an injured knee. This time, Corley even walked out on the floor, fearing the worst as Stepoli was down for several minutes.

However, all three players survived their individual scares and returned to action.

"If you want to know the truth, the reason they got hurt is because we weren't doing what we were supposed to do," Corley said of the banged-up trio. "We didn't run one thing in the first half. All we did was run up and down the floor."



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo scores two of her 19 points in Monday's win over Avella.

That may be so, but running up and down the floor seemed to serve the undefeated Lady Greyhounds (22-0, 10-0) well. Monessen put together runs of 21-0 and 12-0 to completely demoralize the Lady Eagles (10-9, 4-5). The two scoring sprees helped Monessen to a 41-9 halftime lead.

Before the third quarter was over, Monessen led 55-13 and the continuous clock was in operation the rest of the way.

Chukwuedo, playing in front of

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Senior Night celebration for Lady Warriors

EF's Sanderson, Hirnyk and Halaszynski reach double figures in rout.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP — The Elizabeth Forward Lady Warriors celebrated Senior Night in grand fashion Monday night by downing Belle Vernon Area, 83-48.

All three EF seniors — Cassy Sanderson (14 points), Rachel Hirnyk (13) and Rachel Halaszynski (10) — hit double figures in points.

"Those three are outstanding," E.F. coach John Hearn said. "They are really great girls."

The senior trio had plenty of help in the Class AAA Section 5 contest as Kristen Hawkins (13), Sarah Sandin (13), and Paige Pearce (10) also hit double figures.

"We played pretty well," Hearn said. "We moved the ball, rebounded, ran our offense, made shots and played defense well."

BVA coach Tim Keefer was impressed with what he saw of EF on the court.

"They are a good team from our conference, which is a very good conference," Keefer said. "But despite that, we played aggressive and did not give up."

Hearn was very happy with the play of Hawkins, a junior, and Sandin, a sophomore, who both come off of the bench.

"They are pretty good players," he said. "They have been playing better and when we go to our bench and bring them in, it gives us an advantage because of how good they are. We don't have a drop off when they go in."

The outcome was never in doubt as the hosts opened up a 14-7 lead after one quarter and exploded for 24 more points in the second quarter to open up a 38-17 halftime lead.

Keefer said that his team was in a hole right off the bat because of foul trouble.

"We had to go to a zone because we were in foul trouble," he said. "Then we tried a press in the second half to try and get back into the game but they moved the ball well."

For the game, EF (19-4, 7-2) was 12 of 15 from the foul line while BVA (5-17, 2-7) was 0 for 2.

The Lady Warriors definitely had the advantage in the aspect of pressing, according to Keefer.

"We knew what press they were coming with but our girls didn't do what we practiced," he said. "We knew were we needed to have the ball and we didn't get it there."

Jocelyn Connolly led BVA with 14 points.

EF closes its regular season Thursday when the Lady Warriors head to Thomas Jefferson while BVA, despite a 2-7 section record, can sneak into the playoffs Thursday.

With a win at home against Yough and a Steel Valley loss to first-place West Mifflin, the Lady Leopards would make the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

"We still have a chance to get in," Keefer said. "But our girls can't come in thinking we will beat Yough because we beat them last time.

Brady part of Patriots' practice

Quarterback shakes off ankle injury to participate in Monday's drills.

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

PHOENIX — Looks like Tom Brady will be true to his word.

One day after promising his ankle injury wouldn't keep him from preparing for and playing in the Super Bowl, Brady was back where he belongs Monday.

He practiced with the New England Patriots for the first time since he was hurt against San Diego in the AFC championship game more than a week ago.

If the undefeated Patriots needed a lift as they prepared to play the New York Giants, they got one from Brady's return. The league MVP missed three workouts last week, but he was on the field, as usual, at Arizona State's practice facility in nearby Tempe.

"Anytime the MVP of the league is back, it has to be a positive," receiver Wes Welker said. "He looks good — the same dimples and all."

According to the Chicago Tribune's Dan Pompei, the designated pool reporter, the star quarterback appeared to have a slight limp. But he participated in all phases of practice, including jogging the length of the field twice at the end of drills.

Although Brady was not made available to the media — he will speak on Tuesday — his teammates had plenty to say about the record-setting quarterback's return.

"He's the leader of our team," said safety Rodney Harrison, one of the Patriots' defensive leaders. "He's special, and to have your No. 1 guy out there working hard and just being out there with his spirit, of course it brought a smile to our faces. Tom will be there Sunday, don't worry about that."

That's what Brady said shortly after arriving.

"I'm not concerned about how it's going to affect my play," he

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With his right ankle taped, New England quarterback Tom Brady runs before practice began at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., Monday.

Associated Press

SPORTS

Who knows what's real?

Brady, Belichick leave Super Bowl media guessing.

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Writer

Belichick

PHOENIX — The video was grainy, adding to the intrigue and mystery of it all, even if it was just Tom Brady carrying some flowers for his main squeeze and wearing a protective boot on his right foot.

Bookies in Las Vegas studied it. So did the celebrity gossip sites, though for reasons far removed from whether the Super Bowl point spread would narrow.

So did the brain trust that runs the New York Giants.

Could that be a real boot? Was Brady actually hobbling?

Were those carnations or pink roses?

Deep questions all, but those asking them did so with little hope of ever finding out just what was happening last week on a narrow residential street in Greenwich Village, where the worlds of celebrity and athletics collided with a force not seen since, well, a week earlier in Texas when another quarterback's affection for a certain blonde was the talk of the town.

So it was more than a little surprising that the mystery was solved even before the New England Patriots checked into their team hotel upon their arrival in this desert city Sunday night. Even more surprising in the paranoid and secretive world of the world's best football team was that Brady himself provided the main clues.

Or did he?

Brady's announcement that he did indeed hurt his right ankle sometime in the third quarter of the AFC championship game and didn't practice last week would have been treated as routine — though major — news if it had been delivered by any other quarterback of any other team during any other Super Bowl week.

But these are the Patriots, who usually guard such matters even more closely than Brady guards his image. This is a quarterback who rarely strays from a party line that Bill Belichick puts up early and expects every player to abide by.

And this was what Belichick had to say before his star player got loose with his lips:

"We'll update our injury report on Wednesday when we are required to do it by the league."

Why would a team that plays coy when it comes to a hangnail on a third string linebacker allow its quarterback to open up about his injury a week before the biggest Super Bowl game the Patriots will ever play?

That, of course, is the $500,000 question that likely perplexes Giants coach Tom Coughlin just as much as it does the hundreds of media members gathered here to chronicle the insights of Brady and Belichick as the Patriots chase history in the Super Bowl. As if Coughlin didn't have enough to worry about, he'll now be forced to spend the rest of the week fretting about why Brady suddenly decided to come clean.

With any other team, or any other coach, the answer would have simply been that the video was clear enough so that some explanation was in order.

With the Patriots, though, it's never that simple. Everything they do is suspect, from the way they steal castoffs from other teams to the way they swipe defensive signals from their competitors.

There's nothing to say flowers and walking boots aren't, too.

This might have been some kind of devious plot dreamed up by Belichick, in the two hours a night he actually does sleep, to change the whole tenor of Super Bowl week. Imagine him huddled under his hoodie with wild thoughts of supermodel girlfriends, gimpy ankles and a chatty quarterback filling his head until it all came together in one grand scheme.

Suddenly, instead of a week filled with questions about the pressure the Patriots face in trying to win the Super Bowl and make history by being perfect, the questions will be whether Brady can scramble if necessary. Talk about Spygate and cheating will be replaced by talk about ankle taping and pushing off.

And no one will bother to ask Randy Moss a question about an alleged beating of a non-football kind in Florida.

Crazy? Maybe. But is there anything crazier than a coach being fined a half million dollars for stealing signals early in the year getting his best revenge by running the table on the NFL?

Belichick didn't become a coaching genius by leaving anything to chance, and he's not about to do so in the biggest week of his career. Like most great coaches, he's a control freak who has his hand into the most minute details of his players and team.

He may not have said anything himself, but there's no way Brady would have opened his mouth after a long flight across the country had the coach not given the OK.

Heck, for all we know, Belichick supplied the walking boot and bought the flowers.

About the only thing we don't know is what kind of flowers they were.

Brady (FROM PAGE ONE)

said Sunday night. "This won't keep me out."

Brady's health became an issue a week ago when he was spotted wearing a protective boot on his right foot while visiting supermodel girlfriend Gisele Bundchen in New York. He sat out all three practices in Foxborough, Mass., when much of the game plan was being installed.

Since becoming the starter in 2001, Brady has been remarkably durable. He's started every game in the last six seasons, and he was the MVP of the 2002 Super Bowl despite an ankle injury in the AFC title game.

"I never concern myself with anybody that we're playing with, whether it's Tom or anybody else," All-Pro tackle Matt Light said. "Their situation is their situation. Nobody knows what's going on other than him, and he's the only one who can answer those questions as to how he feels.

"I'll tell you one thing, if he's out there he's going to be giving you everything that he's got. I don't worry about that at all."

Asked how Brady fared in practice, Light's response drew chuckles: "I try not to look at him too much.

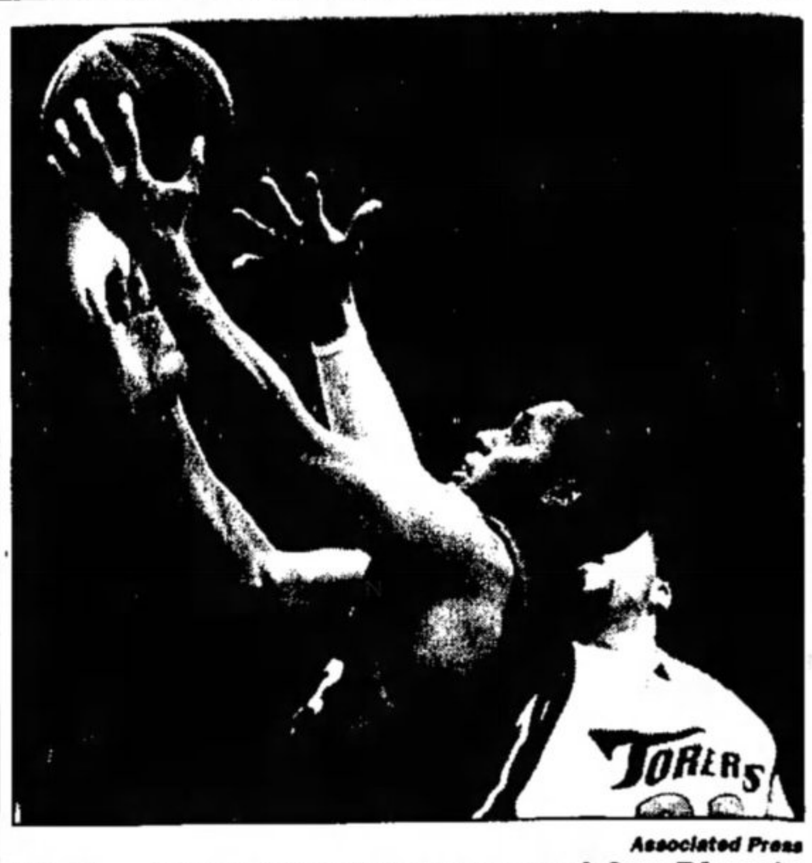
"You guys do enough of that," he added, drawing more laughs. "I'm concerned with what's right in front of me and I really haven't paid much attention to it."

Ah, but the rest of the world certainly has. Brady's foot overshadowed the Patriots moving in on the first perfect NFL season since the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Yes, the three-time champion quarterback's persona has transcended the Super Bowl.

No matter how vigorously coach Bill Belichick and the rest of the Patriots want to ignore it, the questions about their biggest star's health will persist. Almost certainly, the answers will remain consistent, too.

"I think he got a lot of publicity last week for not what he wants to get publicity for," center Dan Koppen said. "I think he'll be OK.

"Tom's recognizable, and what he does is watched. We don't pay attention to it. If you guys want to report on it, then go ahead. Tom's a good guy who handles himself accordingly. I'm just thankful that he's on our team."



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St. Mary's Patrick Mills drives past San Diego's Rob Jones (22) for a basket during the first half Monday.

St. Mary's upset

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thanks to the 1-2 punch of Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare, Saint Mary's second stay in the Top 25 this season may be as short as its first.

Johnson scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half and Pomare had 20 to lead San Diego to a 63-55 victory over No. 21 Saint Mary's on Monday night, hours after the Gaels moved into the poll.

For the second time this season the Gaels lost in their first game after moving into The Associated Press' Top 25.

Saint Mary's (17-3, 4-1 West Coast Conference) lost at Southern Illinois 71-56 on Dec. 11, the day after the Gaels moved into the poll at No. 24 for the first time since March 1989. They dropped out of the rankings until Monday.

Coach Randy Bennett had two reasons for his team having its five-game winning streak snapped and dropping to 0-2 in its first games after reaching the Top 25.

"Those are two of the best players in the league and they played like it tonight," Bennett said of Johnson and Pomare.

The game was the only one involving a ranked team Monday.

San Diego's victory was just its third over a Top 25 opponent in the school's history, and its first since a win over No. 14 UCLA in 2002.

Pomare and Johnson combined to score the first 14 points of the second half for the Toreros (11-11, 4-1) as they erased a 29-24 halftime deficit. Johnson also keyed San Diego's 10-0 run that gave the Toreros a 58-48 lead with 1:54 left in the game.

"(Coach Bill Grier) pointed me out at halftime and told me I needed to come with it," Johnson said.

After getting the deciding run started with a 3-pointer, Johnson added another 3, and ended the spurt with a reverse layup.

"The first half he was trying to do too much," Grier said. "Our offense was shutting down when the ball hit his hands. When he gets going like that, he's pretty much hard to stop."

Patrick Mills led the Gaels with 13 points and Omar Samhan added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Toreros' second-half surge was fueled by 66.7 percent shooting from the field and a defense that limited Saint Mary's to just 33.3 percent shooting. Many of San Diego's baskets came off defensive pressure that led to easy points.

PSU's Claxton now a spectator

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Geary Claxton has accepted that his playing time at Penn State is over. Now, both he and the Nittany Lions have to move on.

Claxton started 100 of his 102 games at Penn State and scored in double figures in all but 15 contests. But that run of consistency came to a halt when the 6-foot-5 swingman sustained a season-ending knee injury in a game against Wisconsin.

"It was tough, but I accepted the fact that I'm done here," the Nittany Lions senior forward said Monday, nearly two weeks after tearing the ACL in his left knee in a 80-55 home loss to Wisconsin. "I had a good career here and I had a lot of fun times, and I'm just planning to move on."

Claxton's will start by having surgery Wednesday to repair the knee. Then, he begins rehabilitation process he hopes will take no more than six months.

"That's what I'm shooting for," Claxton said.

Penn State (10-9, 2-5 Big Ten) has lost its last five games, the better part of four of the losses coming without Claxton. The losing streak comes after the Nittany Lions had won seven straight.

The Nittany Lions were a different team with Claxton in the lineup. They were averaging 71.7 points and pulling down more than 40 rebounds per game. Without him, they have managed 52.8 points and 24 rebounds per game.

Claxton watched the home losses to Wisconsin and Purdue from the bench. Restricted from flying because doctors didn't want him to risk aggravating the injury, Claxton watched road losses to Indiana and Iowa on television.

It was very frustrating for the soft-spoken Claxton.

"The only thing I can do is just keep encouraging the guys and tell them keep playing hard," Claxton said. "Just cheer for them from the bench.

"They can do it. It's just self-confidence and playing together without me. They've just got to play hard."

Claxton said he has received support from across the country. Wisconsin sent him a card signed by the team, and Michigan State coach Tom Izzo and Illinois coach Bruce Weber have offered encouragement.

SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold wrestling team match on radio

Not only has Ringgold made the WPIAL Class AAA team Tournament for wrestling, but the Rams' match can be heard on radio.

Ringgold (15-8) travels to Canon-McMillan (14-1) for a 6 p.m. match. The match will be carried live on WJPA (1450-AM).

Canon-McMillan is the No. 2 seed while Ringgold is in the team tournament for the first time in seven years.

Third-year coach Luke Smith's team will be led by Fred Garcia (189 pounds), who is 24-2 on the season.

If Ringgold wins, then the Rams will wrestle again at 8 p.m. against the winner of the Bethel Park-Albert Gallatin match.

Coaches vs. Cancer at Ringgold Friday

When Ringgold hosts South park in a boys' basketball game Friday night (7:30 p.m.), it will be a Coaches vs Caner game.

The Coaches vs Cancer program unites the American Cancer Society and local high school coaches in the fight against cancer.

One dollar from every ticket purchased will be donated to the American Cancer Society. In addition, Ringgold cheerleaders will be taking collections throughout the game.

Patrons who donate $1 will get a donation card to be displayed on the wall in memory of or in honor of a loved one. For donations of $3 or more, contributors will receive a lanyard.

Ringgold Athletic Director Lloyd Price is also seeking sponsors to match the funds raised from the night. Those willing to participate should contact the Ringgold Athletic Department at (724) 258-2208.

Sayles excels on mat at Gannon

A.J. Sayles, a redshirt senior from Belle Vernon Area, has compiled an 18-7 record as a member of the Gannon University wrestling team.

Sayles (174 pounds) has had several highlights during the season, including finishing first in his weight class in the Catholic Invitational and the Jayhawk Invitational. He also finished second in the Ashland Invitational. Sayles has registered four pins on the season.

Steelers' Cedrick Wilson withdraws protection order

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Cedrick Wilson withdrew a protection-from-abuse order against his ex-girlfriend Monday after they agreed to a no-contact order and to share custody of their 1-year-old daughter.

Jerome DeRiso, the attorney for Lindsey Paulat, told The Associated Press that both sides entered into an "amicable agreement."

Wilson was in Allegheny County court, but declined to comment to reporters. Paulat, 26, of Fawn, was not in court and was being released from a behavioral health clinic, DeRiso said.

Wilson had filed for the order after Paulat kept police at bay outside his Pine home during a nearly 12-hour standoff that ended with her surrender earlier this month.

Wilson had ended their relationship, which started an argument and eventually the standoff, said Paul Goltz, Wilson's attorney.

Paulat threatened to kill herself with Wilson's gun and fired the gun several times inside the home, according to Wilson's request for a protection order.

Knoblauch session postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Yankees second baseman Chuck Knoblauch agreed to talk to a House committee investigating drug use in baseball, and the session was postponed until later this week.

The committee issued a subpoena for Knoblauch last week after he failed to respond to an invitation to testify. Knoblauch originally was to give a deposition Jan. 24, a session that was postponed until Tuesday. Under the new schedule, Knoblauch will give a deposition or transcribed interview Friday.

Trivia answer

Mike Lodish played in six Super Bowls, four with Buffalo and two with Denver.

Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

a scout from Bowling Green University, scored 19 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, dished off nine assists and grabbed four steals. She scored 10 points in the second quarter alone.

Jessica Beveridge came off the bench to score 15 points, including three three-pointers, while Mornak added 11 points. Stepoli scored just four points, but she grabbed eight rebounds, had five assists and blocked three shots.

Still, Corley wasn't pleased with the rout.

"I don't think we played very well at all," Corley said. "We seemed to be a step slower than normal. I think we're at the point of the season where it gets monotonous. What we really need to do is get past this last game (Friday at home against Wilkinsburg) and then get some rest for the playoffs."

Monessen did not allow Avella to crack double-digits in any quarter while the only thing that slowed the Lady Greyhounds' offense was the running clock.

"We took a lot of shots. We took 67 shots and made just 26," Corley noted. "If we shoot like that in the playoffs, we're going home."

But at least the Lady Greyhounds still have all their players.

NOTES; Friday's game against Wilkinsburg starts at 6 p.m. and is part of a girls/boys doubleheader. It is also Senior Night and Mornak, Chukwuedo, Minardi and Melissa Popovich will play their final games on the home floor ... Wilkinsburg is led by the WPIAL's leading scorer, Darche Jackson, who scored 47 points last night in a 64-59 loss to South Allegheny ... at 22-0, the lady Greyhounds are the only undefeated Class A team remaining in the state. Monessen is currently ranked second in the state behind North Catholic (18-3).

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	6	54	124	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	22	5	51	147	156
Atlanta	23	25	4	50	141	175
Florida	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	25	5	45	145	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	20	6	56	128	126
Nashville	25	20	5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22	19	7	51	123	136
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	26	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	24	5	51	140	158

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	26	1	0	52
Wooster	14	10	2	30
Mon Valley	10	14	3	23
Jamestown	11	17	0	22
Valley Forge	7	19	2	16

Wednesday

Wooster at Indiana

Thursday

Wooster at Jamestown

Friday

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Valley Forge at Wooster, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Mon Valley, 7:30 pm

Sunday

Mon Valley at Valley Forge
Jamestown at Wooster

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Connecticut 69, Louisville 67
Hofstra 75, Longwood 60

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 72, Alcorn St. 68
Alabama St. 59, Southern U. 54
Appalachian St. 56, Elon 52
Bethune-Cookman 63, Md.-Eastern Shore 54
Florida A&M 70, Delaware St. 68
Georgia Southern 69, W. Carolina 58
High Point 70, Radford 68
Howard 73, Coppin St. 69, OT
Liberty 87, VMI 81
Morgan St. 64, Hampton 57
N. Carolina A&T 82, S. Carolina St. 77
Norfolk St. 82, Winston-Salem 67
UNC Asheville 56, Coastal Carolina 52
Winthrop 81, Charleston Southern 64
Wofford 67, Coll. of Charleston 66

MIDWEST

Tex.-Pan American 85, Chicago St. 76

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 73, Texas Southern 58
Oklahoma 64, Oklahoma St. 61
Prairie View 55, MVSU 53

FAR WEST

Boise St. 90, Fresno St. 89, OT
Cal Poly 69, Pacific 64
Gonzaga 79, Portland 41
San Diego 63, Saint Mary's, Calif. 55
Santa Clara 66, San Francisco 48

WOMEN

EAST

Long Island U. 56, Sacred Heart 43
Monmouth, N.J. 72, Fairleigh Dickinson 66, OT
N.J. Tech 65, Texas-Pan American 56
Robert Morris 89, Cent. Connecticut St. 59
St. Francis, NY 59, St. Francis, Pa. 51
Wagner 75, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 70

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 67, Alabama A&M 48
Appalachian St. 92, Wofford 79
Boston College 68, Clemson 63
Chattanooga 64, Georgia Southern 50
Coppin St. 90, Howard 63
Delaware St. 50, Florida A&M 40
ETSU 80, Jacksonville 74
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Campbell 44
Hampton 67, Morgan St. 61
Kennesaw St. 63, Belmont 53
Lipscomb 73, Mercer 70
Md.-Eastern Shore 77, Bethune-Cookman 51
N. Carolina A&T 85, S. Carolina St. 66
Norfolk St. 62, Winston-Salem 61
North Florida 48, S.C.-Upstate 37
Southern U. 52, Alabama St. 35
Stetson 71, Gardner-Webb 68, OT
Tennessee 67, Duke 64
W. Carolina 60, Coll. of Charleston 49

MIDWEST

IPFW 69, W. Illinois 57
IUPUI 64, Oakland, Mich. 61
Ohio St. 89, Penn St. 53
Oral Roberts 67, UMKC 63

SOUTHWEST

Prairie View 70, MVSU 30
Texas Southern 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 65

FAR WEST

Boise St. 82, Fresno St. 62
Chicago St. 66, Utah Valley St. 64

Dainius Zubrus and the New Jersey Devils will host the Penguins in a battle for first place in the Atlantic Division at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at New Jersey, hockey.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Ohio State at Penn State, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Virginia Commonwealth at George Mason, college basketball.
7 p.m. - Versus - Buffalo at Tampa Bay, hockey.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Tennessee at Alabama, college basketball.
9:30 p.m. - Versus - San Jose at Edmonton, hockey.

Radio

6 p.m. - WJPA (1450-AM) - Canon-McMillan vs Ringgold, WPIAL Class AAA wrestling.
7 p.m. - WXDX (105.9-FM) - Pittsburgh at New Jersey, hockey.
7:30 p.m. - WJPA (95.3-FM) - Monessen at Washington, scholastic basketball.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	13	4
California	3	0	12	4
IUP	2	1	10	8
Clarion	2	2	10	8
Slippery Rock	1	2	3	14
Lock Haven	1	3	1	17
Shippensburg	0	4	6	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	4	0	12	5
Cheyney	3	1	10	6
E. Stroudsburg	2	1	13	4
Millersville	2	1	13	5
West Chester	1	2	9	8
Mansfield	0	3	12	6
Bloomsburg	0	4	8	10

Wednesday

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP
Kutztown at District of Columbia

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	3	0	18	1
California	3	0	16	2
Shippensburg	2	2	14	5
Clarion	2	2	12	6
Edinboro	1	2	11	6
Slippery Rock	1	2	7	11
Lock Haven	0	4	5	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	3	0	13	4
East Stroudsburg	2	0	8	8
West Chester	1	1	9	7
Kutzown	1	2	8	10
Bloomsburg	1	2	5	12
Cheyney	1	2	4	12
Mansfield	0	2	5	12

Wednesday

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP

Billiards

Donora Men's Pool League

Standings

Division A

Legion, 196-76; Firemen's, 175-97; Eagles, 155-117; Hoot Owls, 144-128; St. Mary's, 124-148.

Division B

French Club, Hunky Club, 133-139; Rusin Club, 103-169; St. Dominic's, 100-172; Ukrainian Club, 97-175.

Last week's results

Firemen's 11, legion 6
Eagles 9, St. Mary's 8
Hoot Owls 12, French Club 5
Ukrainian 9, Rusin 8
St. Dominic's 9, Hunky 8

Thursday

Hunky at Firemen's; Legion at St. Mary's, Eagles at French Club; Hoot Owls at Ukrainian; Rusin at St. Dominic's.

Bowling

New Eagle League

Charleroi Lanes

Standings

Monongahela Fire Department, 33-14; Maroadi Transfer & Storage, 31-14; A.T. Koury Roofing, 27-18; Ponce's Place, 26-18; Charleroi Lanes, 25-18; Hey Andy, 23-21; Hoot Owls, 21-23; Yocolano Distributing, 19-24; Bill Hermann's Landscaping, 13-30; Eck's Restaurant & Lounge, 12-30.

High scores

Bob Douglas, 216-572; Sam Rice Jr., 216-561; David Andrako, 214-587; Ryan Gaydos, 212-606; Bob Pocky, 211-547; Kenny Louttit, 204-589; Ryan Lorenzi, 203-500; Jim Gavaghan, 202-531; Bob Gondos, 202-516; Rick Bright, 201-513.

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	8	0	20	2
Keystone Oaks	7	1	12	9
Ringgold	4	4	7	15
South Park	3	5	8	12
Trinity	2	6	5	14
McGuffey	0	8	3	16

Today

Ringgold at Keystone Oaks
Trinity at South Park
Chartiers Valley at McGuffey

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	7	1	16	5
Steel Valley	5	3	13	5
West Mifflin	4	4	9	9
Thomas Jefferson	4	4	6	12
Yough	3	5	7	13
Elizabeth Forward	1	7	5	16

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Elizabeth Forward
Steel Valley at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	12	0	17	4
Washington	10	2	16	6
Burgettstown	8	4	15	5
Brownsville	6	6	10	12
Charleroi	6	6	11	10
C-Houston	5	7	11	10
Waynesburg	1	11	3	17
Beth-Center	0	12	3	18

Today

Monessen at Washington
Charleroi at Burgettstown
Beth-Center at Brownsville
Chartiers-Houston at Waynesburg

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	0	14	4
Carmichaels	6	2	14	4
Geibel	4	4	5	12
Mapletown	4	4	10	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	7	5	16
West Greene	1	7	2	14

Today

Jefferson-Morgan at California
Geibel at Carmichaels
West Greene at Mapletown

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	10	0	19	1
Bentworth	7	3	13	6
Clairton	7	3	10	8
Cornell	5	5	11	8
Sacred Heart	5	6	6	15
Avella	2	9	8	13
Frazier	0	10	2	17

Monday

Avella 62, Waynesburg 52

Today

Bentworth at Avella
Clairton at Frazier
Cornell at Serra Catholic

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	8	1	16	6
Chartiers Valley	8	1	15	6
West Allegheny	6	3	11	10
Keystone Oaks	3	6	6	14
McGuffey	2	7	7	14
Waynesburg	0	9	4	16

Monday

Ringgold 53, Keystone Oaks 40
Chartiers Valley 58, McGuffey 38
West Allegheny 57, Waynesburg 17

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	9	0	19	3
Elizabeth Forward	7	2	19	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	3	10	11
Steel Valley	3	6	10	11
Belle Vernon Area	2	7	5	17
Yough	0	9	7	15

Monday

Elizabeth Forward 83, Belle Vernon Area 46
Steel Valley 54, Yough 43
West Mifflin 72, Thomas Jefferson 39

Today

Yough at Bentworth

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	11	0	21	1
Beth-Center	7	4	14	6
Charleroi	7	4	12	10
Brownsville	7	5	15	8
Bentworth	5	6	11	10
C-Houston	1	10	5	18
Burgettstown	1	10	4	19

Monday

Charleroi 41, Chartiers-Houston 34
Washington 73, Bentworth 36
Brownsville 65, Burgettstown 51

Today

Charleroi at Frazier, 6 p.m.
Yough at Bentworth

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	9	0	15	5
Carmichaels	7	2	11	10
Mapletown	4	4	11	6
California	4	5	8	12
West Greene	1	7	1	19
Jeff-Morgan	1	8	3	19

Monday

Geibel 51, Carmichaels 43
California 54, Jefferson-Morgan 31

Today

West Greene at Mapletown, 6 p.m.
Geibel at Beth-Center

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	10	0	22	0
Serra	7	2	13	5
Clairton	5	4	9	7
Avella	4	5	10	9
Trinity Christian	2	8	5	15
Frazier	0	9	0	21

Monday

Monessen 66, Avella 20
Serra 92, Trinity Christian 29

Today

Charleroi at Frazier, 6 p.m.

High school lineups

GIRLS

Monessen – 66

Chukwuedo, 8-3-19; Mornak, 3-5-11; Stepoli, 2-0-4; Minardi, 2-3-7; Popovich, 2-0-4; Diggs, 2-0-4; Beveridge, 6-0-15; Turner, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-26, F-11(17), T-66.

Avella – 20

Drazich, 0-0-0; Yamber, 2-1-5; Temple, 1-1-3; Ferguson, 1-0-2; Papa, 1-0-2; Quader, 1-2-5; Fiorentini, 1-0-3; Stockman, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-7, F-4(10), T-20.

Score by quarters:

Avella	5	4	6	5	- 20
Monessen	24	17	16	9	- 66

Three-pointers: Avella - Fiorentini, Quader; Mon – Beveridge 3.

Elizabeth Forward – 83

Ohm, 1-0-3; Pearce, 5-0-10; Hirnyk, 5-2-13; Halaszynski, 4-2-10; Sanderson, 6-0-14; Hawkins, 5-3-13; Urbaniak, 0-0-0; Martincic, 1-2-5; Sandin, 4-3-13; Burnsworth, 1-0-2. Totals: FG – 32 FT – 12 (15) T – 83.

Belle Vernon Area – 48

Timko, 2-0-5; Connolly, 6-0-14; Manko, 3-0-7; Anderson, 1-0-2; Manderino, 4-0-8; Watson, 4-0-8; Gorecki, 2-0-4; Sheehan, 0-0-0; Vargo, 0-0-0; Cheykins, 0-0-0; Zuzak, 0-0-0. Totals: FG – 22 FT – 0 (2) T -48.

Score by quarters:

Belle Vernon	7	10	18	13	- 48
Eliz. Forward	14	21	18	27	- 83

Three-pointers: EF – Sandin 2, Sanderson 2, Ohm, Hirnyk, BVA – Connolly 2, Timko, Manko.

Ringgold – 53

Affinito, 2-0-4; Schartner, 4-8-16; Selby, 7-5-20; Resanovich, 1-0-2; Ieach, 2-3-7; Pantojas, 0-2-2; Ostrander, 1-0-2; Melzer, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-17, F-18(20), T-53.

Stump, 5-0-10; Paul, 3-1-8; Costanza, 4-0-8; Adamsa, 2-2-7; Hartnelt, 1-0-2; Alwara, 1-0-2; Lippert, 1-0-3. Totals: FG-17, F-3(6), T-40.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	16	13	12	12	– 53
K. Oaks	9	7	7	17	– 40

Three-pointers: Ring – Selby; KO – Paul, Lippert, Adamsa.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	8	.810	—
Toronto	24	19	.558	10 1/2
New Jersey	18	26	.409	17
Philadelphia	17	28	.378	18 1/2
New York	14	29	.326	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	28	18	.609	—
Washington	23	19	.548	3
Atlanta	18	22	.450	7
Charlotte	18	27	.400	9 1/2
Miami	9	33	.214	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	13	.705	—
Cleveland	24	19	.558	6 1/2
Indiana	19	26	.422	12 1/2
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	13 1/2
Chicago	17	26	.395	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	32	12	.727	—
Dallas	31	13	.705	1
San Antonio	28	15	.651	3 1/2
Houston	24	20	.545	8
Memphis	13	32	.289	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	18	.600	—
Denver	26	18	.591	1/2
Portland	26	18	.591	1/2
Seattle	9	35	.205	17 1/2
Minnesota	8	35	.186	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	32	13	.711	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	3 1/2
Golden State	27	18	.600	5
Sacramento	19	24	.442	12
L.A. Clippers	13	28	.317	17

Monday's Games

Dallas 103, Memphis 84
New Orleans 117, Denver 93
Utah 97, San Antonio 91
Charlotte 107, L.A. Clippers 100

Today's Games

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Assigned F Chris Richard to Sioux Falls (NBADL).

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Recalled F Ian Mahinmi from Austin (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Rex Ryan assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

BUFFALO BILLS—Named Nathaniel Hackett offensive quality control coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Announced the resignation of Andrew Brandt, vice president of finance.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Ray Rhodes assistant defensive backs coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named John Bonamego special teams coordinator, George DeLeone tight ends coach, David Puloka assistant strength & conditioning coach, Steve Bush offensive quality control coach and Jim Reid outside linebackers coach.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Promoted Greg McMahon to special teams coordinator and Dennis Allen to secondary coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Sean McDermott secondary coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed RW Teemu Selanne to a one-year contract.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled D Marc Methot from Syracuse (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled F Matt Moulson from Manchester (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Alain Nasreddine and F Nathan Smith from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Steve Wagner from Peoria (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled RW Devin Setoguchi, C Tomas Plihal, G Thomas Greiss and D Marc-Edouard Vlasic from Worcester (AHL).

Latest Line

BEST BET: The Washington/Toronto series has gone Over the posted Total 9 out of the last 11 meetings averaging 221.7 points combined per game. Both teams average nearly 100 points per game and the high scoring trend should continue tonight. Take Washington/Toronto Over 192 for another Best Bet winner. Other plays include Phoenix/Atlanta Over 207 and New York +9 1/2 vs. LA Lakers.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix		
Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Detroit	4	INDIANA
WASHINGTON	2 1/2	Toronto
a-Boston	No Line	MIAMI
b-NEW JERSEY	No Line	Milwaukee
c-CHICAGO	No Line	Minnesota
d-HOUSTON	No Line	Golden State
PHOENIX	9 1/2	Atlanta
San Antonio	7 1/2	SEATTLE
LA LAKERS	9 1/2	New York

a-Boston Kevin Garnett is questionable.
b-Milwaukee Michael Redd is questionable.
c-Chicago Ben Gordon is questionable.
d-Houston Yao Ming is questionable.

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Ohio State	8	PENN STATE
W. Michigan	5 1/2	BUFFALO
WAKE FOREST	2	Miami-Florida
G. MASON	4 1/2	VA C'wealth
OHIO	10	C. Michigan
IOWA STATE	7	Colorado
MARQUETTE	16 1/2	South Florida
S. ILLINOIS	16 1/2	Evansville
VIRGINIA TECH	5	Florida State
Missouri State	1	WICHITA STATE
San Diego St	6 1/2	COLORADO ST
Tennessee	6	ALABAMA
Austin Peay	3	SE MO STATE
MOREHEAD ST	2 1/2	Tenn. Tech
MURRAY ST	11	Samford
TENN. MARTIN	4 1/2	E. Kentucky
TENN. STATE	14	Jacksonville St

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	1-1 1/2	Pittsburgh
CAROLINA	Even-1/2	NY Rangers
Ottawa	Even-1/2	NY ISL.
TAMPA BAY	Even-1/2	Buffalo
PHILADELPHIA	1-1 1/2	Los Angeles
BOSTON	Even-1/2	Nashville
COLUMBUS	Even-1/2	Phoenix
TORONTO	Even-1/2	St. Louis
MONTREAL	1/2-1	Washington
San Jose	Even-1/2	EDMONTON
VANCOUVER	Even-1/2	Dallas

Torch record eyed

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Organizers of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver unveiled plans Monday to create the longest torch relay across one nation in Olympic history.

Organizers said they wanted to make the announcement on Canada's East Coast to show that the Games, particularly the torch relay, is an event all Canadians can enjoy, regardless of where they live.

The torch will cover more than 21,748 miles, winding through every province and territory, for about 100 days leading up to the Games. Some 12,000 people will eventually be selected to carry the torch.

Organizers of the Beijing Summer Games are planning the longest torch relay in Olympic history — but that's through five continents, an 85,000-mile, 130-day route.

Ddetails of the Canadian relay — including the cross-country route it will take and how torch bearers will be selected — won't be revealed until the fall.

"We want to put the torch into as many hands as we possibly can," Jim Richards, relay director, told a crowd of Olympic officials, athletes and sponsors at historic Pier 21 in Halifax.

Canadian athletes and a trio of fuzzy mascots gathered in Halifax to boost the profile of the 2010 Winter Games.

NHL season set for second half

Red Wings are the only team that seems certain for playoffs.

By IRA PODELL
AP Hockey Writer

ATLANTA — Unless you are the Detroit Red Wings, there is plenty of work to be done just to get into the NHL playoffs before thoughts drift to making a run for the Stanley Cup.

As hockey returns from its four-day All-Star break, teams will be gearing up for the stretch drive that has a little more than 30 games left per club. Parity is prevailing, and virtually no one is out of the running.

The only team that is truly safe is Detroit, which has a 22-point lead in the Central Division, a 17-point edge in the Western Conference, and a 12-point cushion in the chase for the Presidents' Trophy and home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

Finishing on top doesn't ensure postseason success, however. Just ask Buffalo, who stormed through the Eastern Conference a year ago but were knocked out in the semifinals by the Ottawa Senators.

"Being first in your conference and playing the eighth seed, you have nothing to win really," Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson said. "If you lose in the first round, you're a dog. That's probably the toughest round.

"Detroit is running away with their conference, for sure, and probably the Presidents' Trophy. Do they have much to play for down the stretch? You can find pros and cons with pretty much everything."

The Red Wings were eliminated a step away from the finals last year by eventual champion Anaheim after finishing tied with Buffalo for first in the NHL's overall standings.

The Presidents' Trophy winner hasn't captured the Cup since 2002 when Detroit did it. The Red Wings flamed out twice in the previous three seasons after finishing with the best record in the NHL.

"Yeah, there's no guarantees — having a good regular season to then play well in the playoffs," Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said. "We as a team try to do whatever we can to prepare ourselves for the playoffs to have a good playoff run again.

"It starts in the regular season. You can't just turn a switch on once the playoffs start and expect to play well. You have to play well going into the playoffs."

The next biggest division lead is in the Northeast, where Ottawa is six points ahead of surprising Montreal.

There are two tied divisional races, and another where first and second place are separated by one skinny point. New York's Islanders and Rangers are tied for eighth — the postseason cutoff — in the Eastern Conference, 12 points below Ottawa but only nine in front of last-place Tampa Bay.

"It is hectic," Philadelphia forward Mike Richards said. "Every game counts. I looked at our schedule and we play our last five or six games against our division opponents. Coming down the stretch here, every game is going to be so important."

Tell that to Pittsburgh, which is a point out of first in the Atlantic, but facing the prospect of being without defending scoring champion Sidney Crosby for several weeks due to his high ankle sprain.

Behind Detroit in the West the race is tight throughout. The Dallas Stars and San Jose Sharks are tied in points atop the Pacific Division but only five ahead of the eighth-place deadlock between Colorado and Columbus.

"Everyone is so close to each other, you fight so hard to get into the postseason and if you have a tough first-round opponent you might get knocked out right away," Sharks forward Joe Thornton said. "

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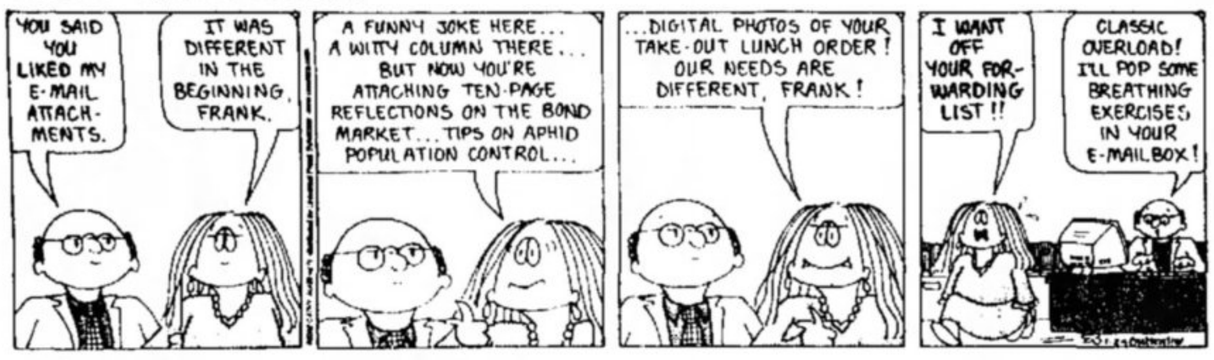
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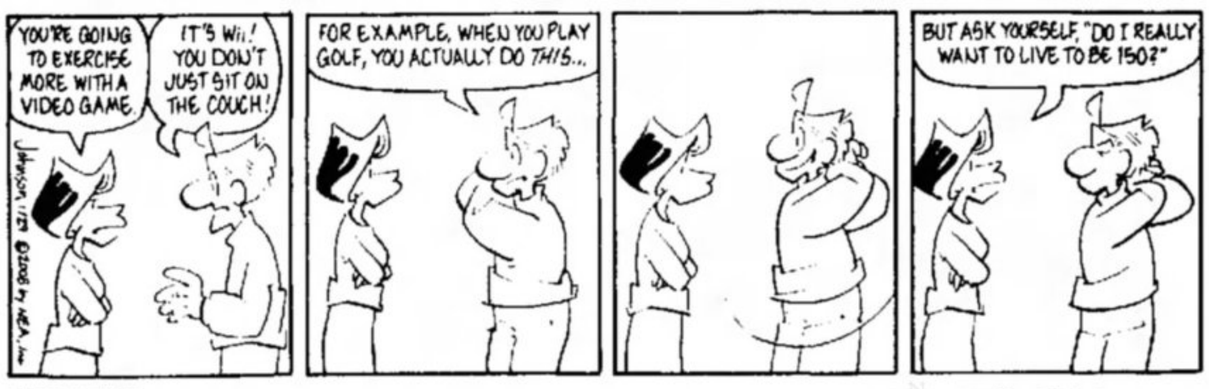
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WHY DON'T WE FLIP A COIN?
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA... LET'S ARM WRESTLE
OH C'MON! SURE YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH. BUT I'M A MAN! MEN HAVE GREATER UPPER BODY STRENGTH AND...
WHAT? ARE YOU CHICKEN? BOCK BOCK BOCK
OK. OK. YOU ASKED FOR IT.
ACTUALLY, DOING DISHES WITH JUST ONE ARM SORTA MAKES IT INTO A GAME...

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I DON'T KNOW WHY I CAN'T GO
...I'VE "READ" ALL THE BOOKS TOO
AS SHE CRESTED THE MOUNTAIN, SHE GAZED ON THE LUSH VALLEY BELOW...
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HERE'S YOUR PASS, ZERO. HAVE A NICE DAY
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I WILL, SARGE! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY! LIKE THE ONE BACK IN APRIL. REMEMBER? I DIDA LOT OF STUFF LIKE...
GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE I MAKE IT A BAD DAY!
GREG+ MORT WALKER

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GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

I SURE WISH SOMEONE WOULD INVENT A BRAND NEW ENTREE
LIKE WHAT?
PUFF! WELL, FOR OPENERS, ONE THAT DIDN'T RUN SO FAST!
WHEW! YEAH! WE NEARLY LOST HIM DOWN THE HOME STRETCH, DIDN'T WE?

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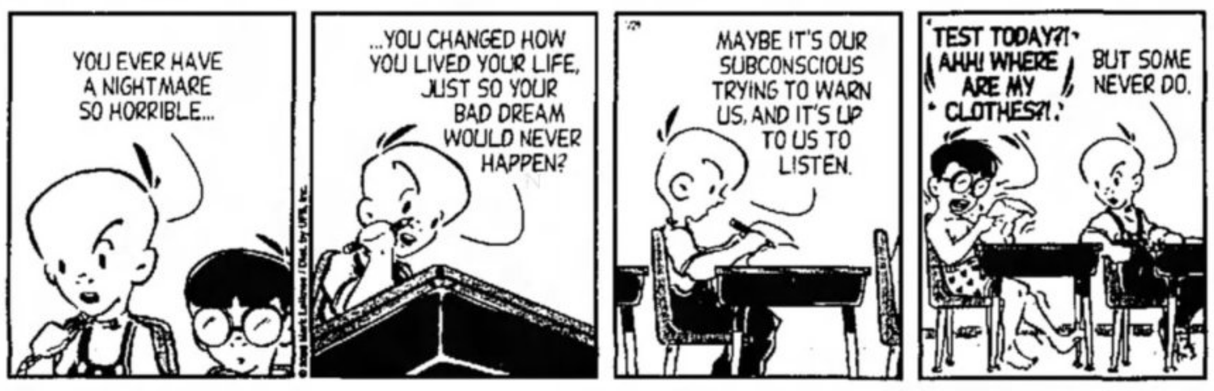
YOU EVER HAVE A NIGHTMARE SO HORRIBLE...
...YOU CHANGED HOW YOU LIVED YOUR LIFE, JUST SO YOUR BAD DAM WOULD NEVER HAPPEN?
MAYBE IT'S OUR SUBCONSCIOUS TRYING TO WARN US, AND IT'S UP TO US TO LISTEN.
"TEST TODAY?! AHH! WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?!"
BUT SOME NEVER DO.

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THIS GUY HAS A GOOD VOICE... WHO IS IT...?
ELTON JOHN.
DIDN'T HE WRITE A LOVE SONG ABOUT THAT 70S-SITCOM ACTOR'S GROOMING HABITS?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
HOLD ME CLOSER TONY DANZA... COUNT YOUR HEAD LICE ON THE HIGHWAY...
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"Wanna take it for a test push?"

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SO JENNY WANTS TO TALK TO ME?
SHE'S IN THE LIBRARY.
AH, THE LIBRARY! NO DOUBT SHE'S RESERVED US A PRIVATE CUBICLE, FAR AWAY FROM PRYING EYES!
THE IDEAL SPOT FOR AN... AHEM!... INTIMATE RENDEZVOUS!
MAY I TROUBLE YOU FOR A "TIC TAC"?
YOU'VE BEEN TROUBLING ME FOR TEN MINUTES NOW.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

PANT... PANT... ALLEY OOP SENT ME TO GET YOU!
ALLEY?! HE'S BACK?!
YES, AND HE NEEDS YOU RIGHT AWAY!
STRANGE! I WONDER WHY HE DIDN'T JUST COME TO SEE YOU, HIMSELF?
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

THE PLASTIC BAG WILL KEEP THE NOTE DRY, AND THE INFORMATION MIGHT HELP FREE OUR FRIEND JOHNNY IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION WITH THOSE TWO PEOPLE IN THE PLANE, BUT I'M GUESSING THEY DON'T WANT ME TO REACH THE POLICE!
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY
TRAIL SHOULD BE BACK ON THE LAKE BY NOW, LET'S GO BACK AND SURPRISE HIM!
JACK ELROD
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Cave denizen
4 Deeply impressed
8 Monastic title
11 Make a mistake
12 Zoomed
13 Garden hopper
14 They cross the line
16 Salespeople
17 Moderated
18 Big Ben numeral
20 Reserved
21 — de plume
24 Ifs
28 Codgers' queries
30 Peril at sea
33 California fort
34 Snarl
35 Secondhand
36 Toupee kin
37 Whirlpool
38 Formal vote
39 Wool coat
41 Off in the distance
43 Unsuitable
47 Half-star movie
49 Coffee maker
50 Director — Ephron
53 Make too much of
55 Auction site
56 In — of
57 — Dawn Chong
58 Make a quick turn
59 Blubber and suet
60 Ernie of the PGA

DOWN

1 Tam
2 Luncheonette lure
3 Spoor
4 Parthenon goddess
5 Desk material
6 Physics unit of work
7 Hubby of Lucy
8 Military enemy
9 Knock vigorously
10 Blurbs
13 Small combo
15 Judged
19 DEL neighbor
22 Patch
23 Wearing boots
25 Utter a dismal cry
26 Camembert cousin
27 Sidle past
29 Dirty place
30 Chap
31 Off shore
32 Table extender
34 More eager
39 To opposite
40 High clouds
42 Forever and — —
44 Not spaced-out
45 Scent carrier
46 Squirrel refuges
48 Outdoor game
49 Purple vegetable
50 Gendarme's schnoz
51 Teahouse attire
52 Old garment
54 Itinerary word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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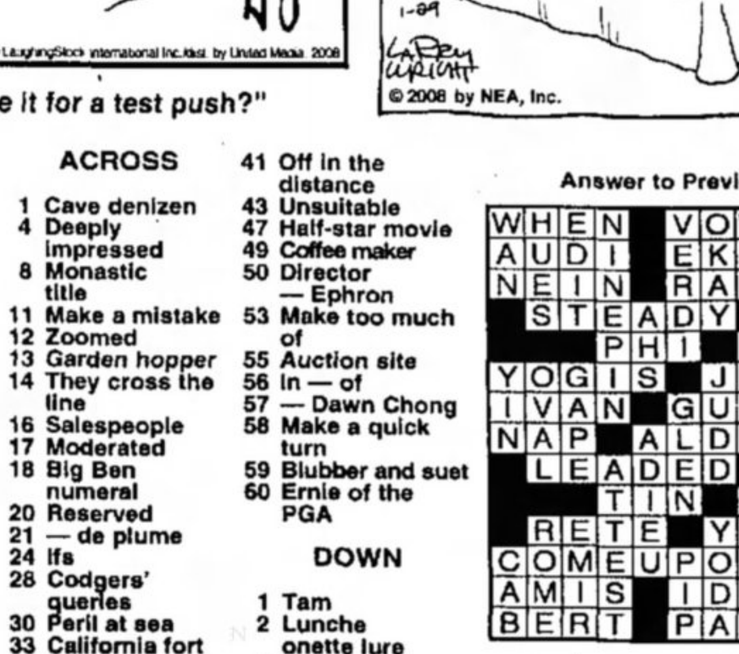

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NEWS

Tretter (FROM PAGE 3A)

ball League.

"I got beat up real bad. I wasn't talented enough," Tretter said of the experience in Houston. "I guess I wasn't as tough as I thought I was."

He returned to the Mid-Mon Valley and spent two years working in the probation office in Westmoreland County. He then worked as a bricklayer at U.S. Steel's Clairton plant until 1982.

"That's when the bottom fell through the steel industry and I had to start all over again," he said.

Tretter said former city Councilman Joe Cieply suggested he take the Civil Service exam to become a police officer.

"I said, 'My friends are all hoodlums, I don't want to do that. That's who I used to run from,'" he said with a laugh.

Then he talked to former Mayor Jim Sepesky, who encouraged him to take the test.

He scored high and was hired as a full-time officer. There were 24 cops on patrol at that time.

Once on the job, Tretter confesses, he had a lot to learn.

"I'll be honest, everything I knew then was on the opposite side (of the law.)"

Over time, though, his street smarts transformed him into a tough cop.

"If you played the game, you know how to play it. It was kind of hard to double-talk me," he said.

"I think in the black community, those are the people I had the best relationships with because I grew up with their dads and grandfathers."

Under former police chief John Bachinski, Tretter was assigned to work drug details and became a member of the state police Tactical Narcotics Task Force. He became good friends with the troopers he worked with.

He was the first patrol officer sworn in as a member of the task force.

He recalls one of his most harrowing experiences on the job involved convicted druglord Ronald Whethers.

"I was the lead investigator on that case and I remember the day we went to pick him up. Being a small town cop, I wasn't used to having air support," he said. "I remember someone asking me if I had the middle part of my vest on and I had never used it before. I knew then that this was big."

In 1998, he was promoted to police chief by former Mayor R. Ted Harhai, who's now a member of the state House of Representatives.

It was during his time as chief he investigated one of the worst tragedies in his career - the Annette Bright disappearance and murder.

The 8-year-old girl was shot to death July 15, 2001.

Her family had reported her missing and police, including Tretter, spent hours combing the woods to find her. Her killer, Charles Koschalk, pleaded guilty and is serving a life sentence.

"That was the hardest thing I ever did as a police officer. That may be one of the hardest things I ever did in my life," Tretter said. "I put my heart and soul into finding her and we were just one step too short."

Looking back on his time as chief, Tretter now realizes he was a better cop than an administrator.

"At that point I wasn't really ready, but I thought I could do the job," he said. "I did the best that I could with the skills I had."

Tretter returned to being a patrol officer when former Mayor John T. DeLuca promoted Mark Gibson to the job.

Tretter says the promotions and demotions over the years were tough to accept.

"It was hard. I had a minister, Terry Davis, who I met when I was chief," he said. "Pastor Terry said something to me that really stuck in my head. He said, 'Be better, not bitter.'"

Tretter says he is now committed to being a better person, to his wife of 22 years, LuAnn, and his family and friends.

He has two children, Shannon Altimore, of Plum Borough, and a son, Christopher "Rocky" Tretter, a Westmoreland County deputy sheriff. He also has a granddaughter, Elliana Marie, 1.

Another life-changing moment for Tretter came when his son was just 6-years-old and contracted bacterial spinal meningitis.

"He was in the hospital for 15 days. What he went through really made me a lot stronger in the belief of Lord," Tretter said.

Even though he is retired from the police department, Tretter will continue to carry on the successful "Boys in Blue" Christmas fund-raiser for less fortunate kids in Monessen.

The project got started one Christmas Eve when Tretter and police Officer Jim Smith responded to a call.

They realized there were no presents for the children. They dug into their pockets and bought them as many gifts they could.

"I can't believe I didn't notice it all those years because it will break your heart. It broke mine," he said. "My wife wouldn't let me quit doing the 'Boys in Blue.' The No. 2 fire department really helps and we will continue it."

Tretter and his wife, along with Larry and Sharon Vitale, are co-owners of The Steel City Grille bar and restaurant in Monessen.

When he isn't working, his hobbies are working out and fishing.

He also has a passion for cars and motorcycles, and owns a 1969 GTO and a 2002 Harley Davidson Road King.

Tretter says there isn't a day that goes by he doesn't count his blessings.

"Honestly, if I can make it in this world, anyone can. I mean that from my heart. If I can help one kid out there, it will be all worth it," he said.

"I've done a lot of things to embarrass myself and my family and it's just a shame it took me so long to figure that out.

"I just try as I get older to do something to please them and the Lord."

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Marion Presbyterian Church, 207 Perry Ave., Fairhope, will host its annual candlelight spaghetti dinner noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. A bake sale also will be held. For takeouts, call (724) 929-4795. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Preparing for the dinner, from left, are Marlyn Legg, Darla Belsick, Linda Tabron and Barbara Echols.

U.S. slaps liens on bus firm

Edenfield Stages allegedly owes more than $600,000 in back taxes.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
For The Valley Independent
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The company hired to run Westmoreland County Transit Authority buses owes more than $600,000 in back taxes, according to the federal government.

On Monday, it filed tax liens totaling $628,324 against Edenfield Stages Inc. of Greensburg for failure to make payroll taxes dating back to 2005, according to a court document filed in Westmoreland County.

The company was hired last year by the transit authority to run most of its fleet of 31 buses, including the vehicles that operate on the most popular Pittsburgh commuter routes. A full bus schedule was operating yesterday with no interruptions.

Authority board members gave Edenfield a five-year contract worth more than $10.6 million. It was one of five companies to submit proposals to operate authority buses.

That contract represented a 5 percent cost reduction this year and a 2.5 percent reduction for the 2008-09 fiscal year, officials said.

Edenfield originally had been hired a year earlier on an emergency basis after the authority terminated a long-term contract with its former bus operator over maintenance issues.

In addition to maintaining the buses, Edenfield's contract with the authority makes it is responsible for supplying bus drivers.

Authority officials yesterday said they were unaware of any financial woes experienced by Edenfield.

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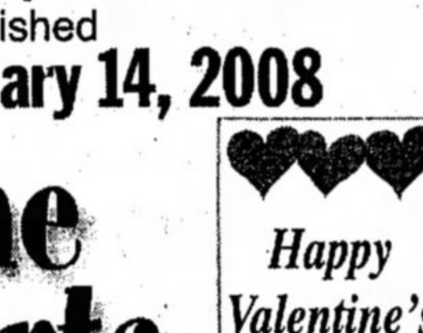

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6. Contest will consist of three voting rounds. First round will commence Tuesday, February 11, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 22, 2008. Round two, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 14, 2008. Round three, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 28, 2008. Winners will be announced on April 8, 2008.
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FEATURES

Frugal Living

How to mix love and money

Sara **NOEL**

Some people can talk about their hemorrhoids with total strangers, but they clam up when it comes to money talks with their spouse.

Often, one person feels attacked, and then the blame game starts. Soon, regular financial discussions dwindle, and the situation gets worse. The solution is letting go of past fights and agreeing to get on the same page. Pointing fingers and criticism don't accomplish anything.

Set aside time on a regular basis to talk about your budget. These talks aren't reserved for when something goes wrong. This should be a mutually scheduled time so there aren't any distractions. Talk about ways to cut costs, upcoming expenses, shared goals and creating a game plan to make the most of your money. Easier said than done? It's teamwork.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK: When discussions get heated, couples tend to say whatever falls out of their mouths. Learn to avoid saying everything that comes to mind. This isn't biting your tongue or holding back. This is kindness and believing your spouse has the very best of intentions. It's accepting the possibility that you might be too controlling or critical.

KNOW WHEN TO WALK AWAY: Arguments take two people. Learn to recognize when a situation is going downhill and know when to take an adult time-out. Continue the conversation when it's less tense. Diffuse a bad moment and improve it by acknowledging your spouse for his or her efforts and by sharing your determination to make things work. This includes negotiating and compromising, which is nearly impossible if each person is trying to prove he or she is right. It might take time, but it can and will happen if you continue to work on it when you're both open to sorting out the details.

KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED: In a relationship, one person might handle the money, but that doesn't mean the other person shouldn't be aware of the finances, too. You can't work toward shared goals if one person is in the dark. Some might feel as if they need permission before spending. This is a topic for your regular money talks. Maybe each of you can have an "allowance" that you can spend without handing over receipts. In my home, we agree that any purchase over $20 is shared. We're both able to see our bank accounts online, so I don't have to show a receipt for a pack of gum, but we consult each other before making larger purchases. It's respecting that we have an equal say in where our money goes.

SEEKING HELP: Sometimes, one person in the marriage won't get on board. It's hurtful and frustrating. Many turn to financial advisers for help. Consider marriage counseling, too. You might discover the root of the problem doesn't lie with the amount of money available or how and where it's spent. Understand that even after counseling, you're bound to have financial disagreements, but you'll be able to differentiate relationship problems from money problems, narrow your differences and work together to make progress.

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ODDS & ENDS

Burglar breaks into car, steals bishop's crown

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A burglar who broke into a Greek Orthodox bishop's car made off with quite a haul, but fencing one of the stolen items could prove difficult.

Among the items stolen from Bishop Metropolitan Isaiah's car was a jeweled crown of gold and silver, which Isaiah estimated to be worth between $6,000 and $10,000.

Isaiah, who is based in Denver and is bishop for the Northwest region of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, said he was dining with others at a restaurant when the break-in occurred. He said the car was parked in a well-lit spot.

"We came out at 10 o'clock, and the window was smashed," he said.

The burglar also made off with a copy of the New Testament, a veil, a cell phone and a black fabric bag. The bag had special meaning to the ex-Marine because it was given to him years ago by the widow of a fellow Marine.

Isaiah offered a reward of at least $1,000 if the crown is returned without damage.

"That was the first gift I received as a bishop 22 years ago," he said. "I feel lost without it."

Governor's son creates prison-themed board game

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The son of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is peddling a board game titled "Don't Drop the Soap," a prison-themed game he created as part of a class project at the Rhode Island School of Design.

John Sebelius, 23, has the backing of his mother and father, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Sebelius. The governor's spokeswoman, Nicole Corcoran, said both parents "are very proud of their son John's creativity and talent."

John Sebelius is selling the game on his Internet site for $34.99, plus packaging, shipping and handling. The contact information on the Web site lists the address of the governor's mansion. Corcoran said the address will change when John Sebelius moves.

The game also goes on sale starting Jan. 31 at a shop called Hobbs in the college town of Lawrence.

"Fight your way through 6 different exciting locations in hopes of being granted parole," the site says. "Escape prison riots in The Yard, slip glass into a mob boss' lasagna in the Cafeteria, steal painkillers from the nurse's desk in the Infirmary."

CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Carbohydrate Counting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 9 a.m.

■ "Class Act" performance, Center in the Woods, California, 10:45 a.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

K of C plans officers' meeting

Father William D. Fries Council 956 Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, will have an officers' meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday in council chambers. All council officers are urged to attend. Any officer unable to attend is asked to call Grand Knight Mike Lucas at (724) 489-0162.

Gyros, pastries to be sold

Gyros and pastries will be sold 11 a.m. Sunday at St. Spyridon Hellenic Center, Monessen. Phone orders can be placed for 15 or more gyros by calling (724) 684-4841.

Spaghetti dinner set in Sutersville

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fifth Ave., Sutersville, is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in the church social hall. Takeouts will be available.

Kid classes to start at YMCA

Jump and Wiggle classes begin at the Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, Feb. 5. Youngsters ages 3-5 will develop coordination through games and exercise in a fun, safe environment. Classes will run for six weeks and meet from 6 to 6:45 p.m. for age 3 and 7 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 4-5. For information, call (724) 483-8077.

K of C to meet in Charleroi

Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Mon Valley will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Charleroi Knights of Columbus home, 702 Fallowfield Avenue. 2008 dues are payable and can be sent to John Petritis, 54 Reed Ave., Monessen, Pa. 15062.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Catholic Women's College Club

The Catholic Women's College Club held its November meeting at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St Philip worship site, Donora.

Preceding the meeting, a Mass was celebrated. A special memorial was held for Dorothy Matsco, a past officer of the club. Alvera Litsky wrote a tribute to honor Matsco. Susanna Swade and Noreen Fazzini also gave special readings.

Non-perishable articles were brought by the members for the Valley Food Bank.

President Dorothy Ghilani opened the meeting with a reading on the "Power of Words," which was also the theme for the evening.

The cafeteria was decorated in a Thanksgiving theme. Those on the committee included: hostesses Lisa Foglia, chairman, assisted by Lennie Nedley, Donna Pustelak, Noreen Fazzini, Tracey Burkholder, JoAnna Stroh, and Susan Tegi. Ghilani thanked the November committee for the meeting.

The minutes were read by Secretary Marie Feick and the treasurer's report was given by Martha Ghilani.

Under committee reports Ambassador of Faith Chairperson Margie Pankiewicz announced that the Mon Valley Care Center was having an appreciation luncheon as a thank you for those who have volunteered in any way at their facility.

She also stated that there would be a prayer/candle service at Covenant House. She thanked Olga Plavko and daughter Janet Imbrescia for the containers used for Halloween gifts. The committee distributed gifts to Residence at Hilltop and Shady Rest care centers. Ghilani thanked Pankiewicz and her committee for the work they are doing on behalf of the Catholic Women's College Club.

Fazzini, charitable services chairperson, noted that she had visited Carol Bobby's mother and brought treats for her and the other patients to share. Her committee also donated a food certificate for Greg Wohar, a good friend of CWCC, who is ill.

The scholarship chairperson stated that letters will go out in February to the high schools that service Catholic students in the Finleyville area. The Catholic churches would also be notified so that they could put the announcement in their bulletins. CWCC gives a scholarship to a Catholic girl from the six areas that the club represents. This year a student will be honored from the Finleyville area. The presentation will take place at the April meeting.

THE QUIZ

NEWSPLACE

(10 points for correct answer)

This European nation, known for its tumultuous political system, has had several dozen governments since the end of World War II. Recently the left-leaning prime minister resigned after just 20 months in office and leaders are now deciding whether to hold snap elections or to first fix an electoral law blamed for the current instability. Pundits say that conservative opposition leader Silvio Berlusconi, a media magnate who has twice been prime minister, favors the quick elections and believes he will be back in power in a matter of months. Name this country.

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each correct answer)

1-Barack Obama swept the Democratic primary in the coveted Southern state ..?..

2-Gordon Hinckley, the influential leader of the ..?.. Church, has died at 97.

3-A major bank in the European nation ..?.. has blamed a rogue trader for a $7 billion loss.

4-The southern part of the U.S. state ..?.. is suffering from mudslides and road washouts after days of torrential rains.

5-After tens of thousands of Palestinians from Gaza breached the border to get desperately needed supplies, ..?.. is moving to seal up crossing points.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer)

My father, a beloved U.S. president, was assassinated when I was a small child. My extended family, long considered a political dynasty, has endured a great deal of tragedy. I've largely stayed out of politics and the limelight. But recently I wrote an emotional opinion piece in the New York Times endorsing Barack Obama for president. "I have never had a president who inspired me the way people tell me that my father inspired them," I wrote, going on to say that I believe Obama could be that president. My uncle, a well-known senator, also gave his much-coveted endorsement to Obama this week. Who am I?

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1. Who is spokesman for the Allegheny County Health Department?

2. Who is the Monessen businessman who mistakenly received a phone call from Joe Paterno's wife Sue?

3. Who is coach of the Ringgold High School wrestling team?

4. Who is California Area High School's varsity boys' basketball coach?

5. Who is director of the Elizabeth Community Development Corporation?

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91 to 100 points *TOP SCORE!*
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ANSWERS

NEWSPLACE: Italy
WORLDSCOPE: 1-South Carolina; 2-Mormon; 3-France; 4-California; 5-Egypt
NEWSNAME: Caroline Kennedy
PEOPLE/SPORTS: 1-Guillermo Cole; 2-Ron Bill; 3-Luke Smith; 4-Phil Pergola; 5-Carol Hill

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: S equals B

"ZORW BYA WFIYB MJDZOFU OD FYZ MJDZWT." - IYCF VWFFYF

"DY UWZ J LWM VJAUCD JFT TY ZCW SWDZ BYA KJF." - MOVV XYUWXD

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "The greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow." - Sam Snead

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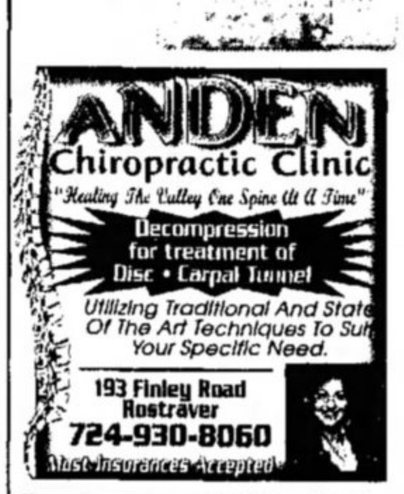

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Getting "You" Across in Person

How to Communicate

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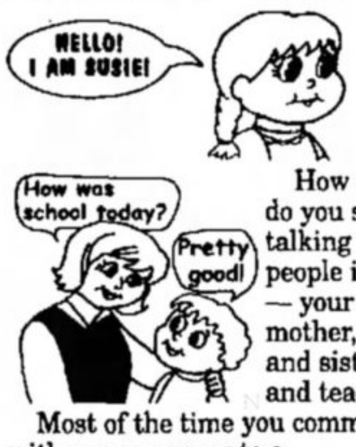


How much time do you spend talking to the people in your life — your father and mother, brothers and sisters, friends and teachers?

Most of the time you communicate with one person or to a small group. Other times, you might communicate with bigger groups, such as when you have to make a speech to your classmates.

Since you spend a lot of time communicating, how good are you at presenting yourself and your ideas?

Today, with so many of us using technology and the Internet, we sometimes forget how important it is to reach out to others in person.

To get good tips on how to communicate, The Mini Page talked with experts who teach these skills to adults. These ideas can help kids, too. Succeeding in the world depends a lot on how well you communicate. It's a good idea to learn these skills at an early age.

The Mini Page thanks Ty Boyd and his staff at the Excellence in Speaking Institute for help with this issue. Mr. Boyd and his wife, Pat, are the authors of a book about communication skills for adults.

How to communicate one-on-one

1. **Respect yourself and the Other Person** (O.P.), or the person you are talking with. Keep in mind that you and the O.P. both have good ideas.

2. **Present a cool appearance,** even though you might be nervous. Most people are. Stand or sit up straight and tall, keeping your shoulders back. (This also helps your breathing.)

Hold your head up so your mouth works better.

Show a good attitude and a pleasant smile. Be enthusiastic.

Speak in a soft voice. No yelling, please.

3. **Look the other person in the eye.** Don't stare; a soft look is best. Don't be looking around the room for someone else to talk with.

4. **Focus on the O.P.** Make the O.P. feel important. Give the O.P. your full attention. Focus on information you want to share. Try not to get distracted.

5. **Think about what questions you might ask the O.P.** Don't be thinking of what you are going to say to impress the O.P.

6. **Listen to what the O.P. has to say.** Don't interrupt.

Nod your head to respond to what he or she is saying.

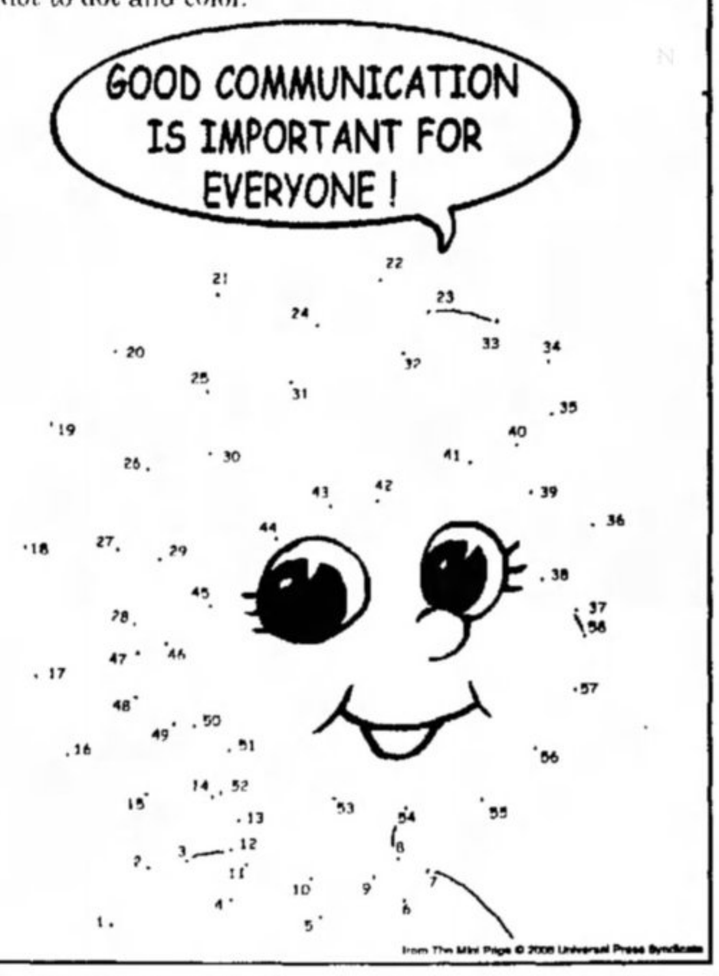
Turn your body toward the O.P. to let him or her know you are tuned in.

7. **Don't be afraid of silences.** After a pause is a good time for you to add something to the conversation.

8. **Be yourself.** Don't feel that you have to pretend to be someone you aren't to get the O.P.'s attention. Be sincere in what you have to say. The O.P. would like to connect with you.

THE OTHER PERSON (O.P.) CAN USE THESE SKILLS, TOO.

Go dot to dot and color.



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Rookie™ Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Pizza Biscuits

You'll need:

- 1 (10-count) package refrigerated biscuits
- 5 tablespoons tomato sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese

What to do:

1. Place biscuits in pockets of a greased muffin tin (larger size). Press biscuits flat.
2. Mix Italian seasoning in tomato sauce.
3. Spoon 1/2 tablespoon of mixture on top of each pressed-down biscuit.
4. Sprinkle 1/4 cup cheese evenly over all biscuits.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until done.

**You will need an adult's help with this recipe.*

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Meet Jason Dolley

Jason Dolley stars as Virgil Fox, a time-traveling teen in the Disney Channel movie "Minutemen." He also acts as Newt in the TV series "Cory in the House."

He acted in the TV series "Complete Savages." He has starred in other movies, including "Saving Shiloh," "The Air I Breathe," and the Disney Channel movie "Read It and Weep."

Jason, 16, has three older brothers. He lives in Los Angeles with his family and his Labrador retriever. He acted in plays and talent shows in school. He starred in his first movie, "Chasing Daylight," when he was 11.

He enjoys school, and has competed in school spelling bees, math Olympics and speech meets. He enjoys playing paintball games and hacky-sack, camping, video games and doing tricks with the yo-yo. He is active in his church youth group.

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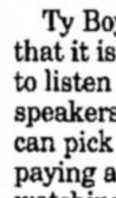
TM Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Randy Moss



Height: 6-4 **Birthdate: 2-13-77**
Weight: 210 **Hometown: Rand, W. Va.**

Call it a prize catch. Getting receiver Randy Moss in a 2007 trade with Oakland resulted in some remarkable moments for the New England Patriots.

That's what you get from a big-time player like Moss, a 10-year veteran and multiple All-Pro selection.

In the Pats' perfect 16-0 regular season, he caught 23 touchdown passes, an NFL single-season record. Overall, he had 98 receptions for 1,493 yards, the eighth year he has topped 1,000 receiving yards.

Tall, fast and flashy, Moss starred at Marshall before becoming a first-round draft pick by Minnesota in 1998. As a collegian, he set an NCAA record for most single-season TD receptions (25) and led the Thundering Herd to one Division 1-AA national title.

A versatile athlete, Moss also could have played college basketball. He was twice named West Virginia High School Player of the Year.

But Moss made football his primary business. In another venture, he owns two Inta Juice franchises in West Virginia and plans to expand to several more states. In the meantime, he intends to keep the Patriots on a perfect course.

Communication Situations

We know it's a good idea to practice how to communicate.

When you are young, there will usually be an adult around to help you meet new people.

As you get older, you will be in social situations that you might want to learn to handle yourself.

It would be fun to practice with a friend some of the skills that might help you make a pleasant contact with a new person.

Try "acting," or role-playing, with someone you know.

Conversation Situation No. 1:

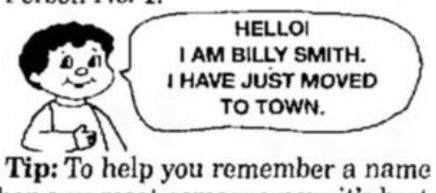
You walk into a room and you don't know anyone.

Keep in mind that everyone usually feels a little nervous in this situation.

Our experts say that being a little nervous helps.

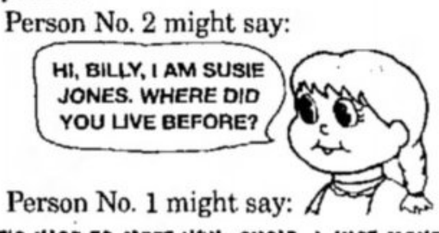
Take a deep breath. Walk up to someone in the room that you would like to know and introduce yourself.

Person No. 1:



Tip: To help you remember a name when you meet someone new, it's best to repeat it.

Person No. 2 might say:



Person No. 1 might say:

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, SUSIE. I JUST MOVED HERE FROM TEXAS.

Person No. 2 might say:

WHAT PART OF TEXAS ARE YOU FROM?

Tip: To get a conversation going, it's a good idea to ask the person about himself. Example:

WHAT MUSIC DO YOU LIKE? DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?

Conversation Situation No. 2:

Person No. 1 knows several people in the room, but he sees a new person standing by himself.

Tip: The polite thing is to walk up to the newcomer and introduce yourself.

Tip: Another polite thing to do is to bring a friend over (Person No. 3) and introduce him or her to the newcomer.

Polite things to say after meeting someone new:

NICE TO HAVE MET YOU.

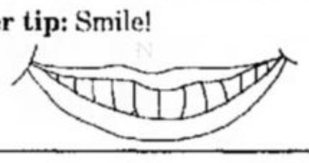
GLAD YOU ARE IN OUR GROUP.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

IT WAS FUN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT YOU.

Super tip: Smile!



Big 10: How to Win at Speaking

Have you ever had to make a public speech, or give a talk to a group?

Have you ever had to make a book or science report to your classmates?

The Mini Page asked our expert, Ty Boyd, to give us 10 tips that he gives in his classes for adults who want to be successful public speakers.

When making speeches, "it's not what you say, but how you say it," he told us.

Listen and learn

Ty Boyd pointed out that it is also important to listen to good speakers. See what you can pick up from paying attention and watching. Be alert for ways to improve.

Keep trying

Do not give up. Keep trying. The more you make speeches, the better you will be.

Do not expect to be perfect in all 10 of these speaking skills. Just do your best and work on a few each speech.

Here is a kids' version of Mr. Boyd's tips to his students.

1. Be enthusiastic.

Do you get a little nervous before you make a talk? That nervous energy can help you make an enthusiastic talk. Nobody wants to listen to a speaker who appears so uninterested that the audience doesn't listen.

2. Have focus.

Get your facts. Know about your subject. Build your talk around two or three good topics. Make a short outline to follow.

Try to have a good opening that will get your audience's attention. Maybe a joke, a story or a fascinating fact will do.

3. Perform well.

Keep in mind that you are in front of the audience, presenting yourself as best you can. Use illustrations to add interest. Try to think of ways to get their attention rather than talking.

4. Add "color" to your voice.

Do not speak in the same tone of voice all during your speech. You can talk fast at times and slower at others. Use a high voice and a low voice to change your mood. A pause now and then gets your audience's attention.

5. Use your eyes.

Make contact with your audience by looking into their eyes. Focus on one person at a time. Finish one sentence and move to the next person. Don't just look at the entire audience. That can be frightening.

6. Use your face.

Your expressions will help tell the story and add interest to your talk.

Remember, a smile is a very powerful tool. But you don't want to smile all the time. You can look sad or serious or worried or surprised. Your face can show how you feel.

7. Use your body.

Use bold gestures to set forth your facts and feelings. Don't be timid about stressing a point with movement. Don't overdo it by moving around too much. Gesture when necessary.

8. Maintain your balance.

Stand straight and tall with your weight equally balanced on each foot. Do not pace and roam around the stage. Move with a purpose.

9. Involve your audience.

Talk about subjects that would interest them. If you can mention the name of someone, do so. Discuss how they fit into your talk.

10. Practice over and over.

Just like athletes practice their sport, so should speakers practice their speech. You will find making speeches fun!

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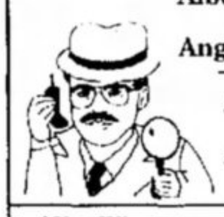
TM MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



Albert: What number does a pig dial when it needs help?
Angela: Swine-1-1!

Archie: What type of telephone do impostors use?
Angus: Phoneys!

Alia: What is a prisoner's favorite way of communicating?
Andy: By cell phone!

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Communication

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of communication are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: EARS, VOICE, LISTEN, SPEAK, RESPECT, EYE, POSTURE, HEAR, PRACTICE, INTERESTING, AIR, EXPRESS, CONVERSATION, ENTHUSIASTIC, FOCUS, ATTENTION, ENTERTAINING, COMMUNICATION.

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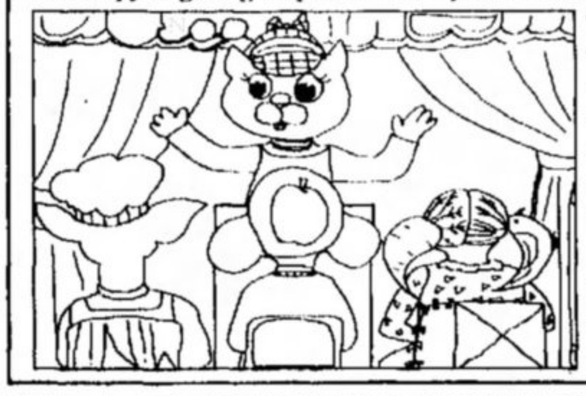

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ASTRO GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 2008

AQUARIUS
January 20 through February 18

Just when things look as if they are grinding down and coming to a halt, those situations could turn around and allow you to make your greatest gains. Stay the course and never give up -- regardless of outward appearances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Although you may not think so, your career and financial position can become your most fortunate area right now. It'll take your ingenuity and resourcefulness to advance your interests, so use them both.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Even if your techniques for handling your interests are unusual, place your faith in them, because a "different" strategy will work out best and be to your advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- There is a strong possibility you will find yourself involved in a commercial arrangement at this time, which won't be conducted along conventional lines. Its uniqueness makes it such a success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Some unusual and unexpected benefits will be derived from a partnership you didn't seek. Even though this venture might be with someone you'd normally never align yourself with, you'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you are stymied by mistakes and/or delays, discard your present procedures and try to implement fresh approaches. You'll find that your cleverness and resourcefulness will help circumvent those roadblocks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A spur-of-the-moment invitation is apt to be extended, which could turn out to be something rather interesting. If you have a previous engagement, consider postponing it, if possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Unexpected changes are possible and would help finalize a situation that has been extremely hard to tie down. Even if it inconveniences another, don't let that stop you from taking advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your mind will be in far better working order than your muscles, so if possible, limit your involvements to those of a mental nature rather than physical ones. Save the latter for another day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your financial trends look more encouraging than they have for some time, but they are apt to be short-lived. Take advantage of what transpires immediately, because this opportunity may not present itself again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A pleasant surprise could be in the offing that involves a social event or situation of some kind. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that might not present itself again, so try to take advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- The best ideas will come when you're off in some quiet place, all alone and free from distractions or outside influences. If you're seeking a fresh thought, try this technique.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Adopt an optimistic outlook if things appear to be stuck in a rut or temporarily out of reach. You'll be surprised as to how positive thinking can turn things around in such a sudden manner.

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CIRCULATION ASSISTANTS
Opportunities to Join a Winning Team!

The Tribune-Review Publishing Company has open positions for Part time Circulation Assistants.
Currently an exciting opportunity exists for the right individual. A chance to earn, learn and advance.

- Steady Part time, approx. 30 hrs./wk
- Early morning hours
- Delivery & customer service skills necessary
- Work independently
- Competitive wage & auto allowance

If interested, call Ken Plaminsek at 724-850-2826

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Wednesday, January 30, 2008
12pm-4pm
DONORA CAREER LINK
Call 1-800-485-6502
with questions or to secure interview

Construction Laborer - with previous nail gun and staple gun experience, ability to read a tape measure and operate hand power tools. Mon Valley location.

Ceramic Liner - previous lining of piping and elbows. Refractory or aluminum lining a plus. Mon Valley location.

Production Laborer - with previous manufacturing & production environment background. Ability to work in a team environment. Fast paced with overtime. Mon Valley location.

Fitter Welder - with formal training, ability to read prints, layout, fit and weld. Must have experience in mig and fluxcore on stainless and carbon steel. Mon Valley location.

CAD Drafter - with detail design background. Ability to read prints, understanding of dimensions and CAD experience in industrial environment. Daylight shift starting @ $16.50/hr. Canonsburg location.

Mechanical Assembly & Disassembly - with mechanical aptitude, no fear of heights, and use of wrenches, screw drivers and various hand tools. Opened to both daylight and afternoon shifts, starting @ $12.50/hr. Canonsburg location.

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EOE/MF

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CAREGIVER needed for daycare in Charleroi. For more info call 724-483-5295.

APPLIANCE Repair person needed. Inquire within. EZ Layaways 426 Fallowfield Ave. Charleroi, PA

AUTO PARTS Counter Person. Basic auto knowledge & phone skills required. PII-Mon 1-800-245-1203

COOKS & DRIVERS- Campy's Pizza, Rt. 88, Charleroi. Please apply in person.

DOWN ROUTE DRIVER
Part-time position, approximately 25 hrs./week. Assist district managers with the delivery of newspapers to subscribers on routes that temporarily have no carrier. Must possess valid PA driver's license and reliable vehicle. Hourly rate plus mileage. Applications available at The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062 or email your resume to lhutchison@tribweb.com

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Local company seeking Field Service Technicians. Responsible for repair and calibration of industrial scales. Electronics and mechanical experience a plus but not required. Competitive wages plus full benefit package including medical insurance and 401K. Send resume to Kanawha Scales & Systems, 579A Park Way, Monongahela, PA 15063.

FINISH TRIM Carpenter, full-time. Will train. Some carpentry experience necessary. Call 724-872-5930.

MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

NEWSPAPER INSERTERS
- Saturday mornings only
- Shift starts at 12 midnight thru 4am
- $7.15 per hour + shift differential + quarterly bonus
- This job entails placing pre-made inserts packages into the paper
- Involves bending, stooping, lifting & standing for extended periods of time
- Pre-employment screening

Applications available at:
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Monessen, PA 15062

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While work-at-home and other informational advertising is often legitimate, we advise readers to fully investigate the background of any company before paying a fee. If an offer sounds "too good to be true", it probably is. Proceed with caution if you are asked to send money or in calling 900 numbers. All phone numbers prefixed by "900" are charged to the caller on a per minute or per call basis. The Valley Independent makes every effort to qualify these charges for the reader. Remember, if you have any doubts, investigate!

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AT BREAKFAST IN YOUR RECLINER AT YOUR MOUSE IN YOUR CAR EVERYWHERE YOU ARE WHEN NEWS IS HAPPENING TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

1000/GENERAL

MANAGER
Needed for hair salon. Full-time. Send letter of interest and/or resume in confidence to Box 892, c/o Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

HAIRSTYLIST
Great opportunity. Full-time or part-time. Guaranteed salary plus incentives. Paid vacation & holidays. Benefits. FREE continuing education.
Fantastic Sams
Belle Vernon
412-302-8661 or 724-929-9550

OFFICE MANAGER for local excavating company. Full-time w/ benefits. Fax resumes to 724-379-8235

PROGRAM ASSISTANT to provide a caring, family-like environment in the Belle Vernon area. Responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operations of a group home. Benefits available. Call to schedule interview 724-929-8137. EOE.

SECURITY GUARD
Immediate Opening
For Part-Time
Security Guard
MON VALLEY
CARE CENTER
200 Stoops Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063
Please Call To Apply
724-310-1111

1025/DRIVERS

LIFT VAN DRIVERS & Taxi Drivers. Must have clean drivers license. Apply at Tri County Access, 1001 Meldon Ave., Donora.

1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

Manager Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in both clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Assistant Director Rehab
Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Clinical Dietician
RD or registry eligible, to work with inpatients and outpatients, and teach nutrition at local schools.

RNs - ICU, ER, Cardiac Rehab
Requires critical care training, related experience preferred.

Mental Health-RN,LPN Activity Therapist
For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner
CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

Respiratory Care Practitioner
Registered or certified respiratory care practitioner.

Aerobics Instructor
Certified aerobics instructor. Will teach 4th through 12th grade students during school hours; hours and schedule will vary.

Unit Clerk
Casual Position. Certification or experience required.

Full-time and part-time positions include full benefit package. Casual and "Weekender" positions also available. Free on-site parking. On-site fitness center! Easy location just off Rt. 119S between Greensburg & Uniontown. Send resume or call for application.

Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-626-2314 E.O.E

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

WEST PIKE RUN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
APPROVED BUDGET
01/01/08 THRU 12/31/08

Acct. No	Account Description	2008 Approved Budget
	INCOME	
3030	Sewer Collections	$88,200.00
3100	Miscellaneous Income	1,600.00
8020	Interest Income	72.00
	TOTAL INCOME	$89,872.00
	OPERATING EXPENSES	
5010	Operation & Maintenance	$18,861.00
5020	Chemicals	6,500.00
5030	Utilities	2,100.00
5040	Billing Expenses	5,100.00
5050	Insurance	2,000.00
5060	Supplies & Expenses	1,600.00
5070	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00
5080	Sludge Removal/Disposal	4,000.00
5090	Capital Reserve Fund	5,000.00
5100	Debt	37,861.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	$82,022.00
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
5310	Engineering	3,400.00
5320	Legal	1,000.00
5330	Audit	2,200.00
5340	Miscellaneous	750.00
5350	Secretarial	500.00
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	$7,850.00
	TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	$89,872.00
	VARIANCE	$ 0.00

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1040/MEDICAL

EXERCISE Specialist: immediate opening FT/PT. High volume, multi disciplinary practice. Mon Valley area. Email resume pghhealthworx@comcast.net

NURSE'S AIDE- 3-11 shift only. $7.25/hr. Apply in person: Country Care Manor, Fayette City 724-326-4909.

PR and FRONT DESK PERSON. Experience preferred. Must be inclined toward natural health care. Send resume to: Dr. Sedlak, 4313 Rt. 51, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

RN's/LPN's Stressed Out?
Work for a company that offers one on one home care with the added comfort of working close to your home. Nurses needed to care for 6 yr. old w/g-tube in Belle Vernon. Wednesdays 7am-6pm.
Call Krisha Now!
1-800-447-2030
EOE M/F/V/H

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1050/SALES

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Flexible Hours
Excellent Income Potential

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8am-12 Thursday
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Mellon Ave.
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Only 13 Papers
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ROUTES AVAILABLE
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✓ Bentleyville
✓ Ellsworth Area
Call Jason at 724-272-4437 or Bill at 412-523-2306

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

GENERAL PRIMARY
NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the electorate of Washington County, Pennsylvania, that a General Primary Election will be held in said County on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., prevailing time, at which time the registered and enrolled electors of the DEMOCRAT and REPUBLICAN PARTIES will assemble and vote according to law:

President of the United States	One
Attorney General	One
Auditor General	One
State Treasurer	One
Representative in Congress (12th Congressional District) (18th Congressional District)	Two (One) (One)
Senator in the General Assembly (37th Senatorial District)	One
Representative in the General Assembly (39th Legislative District) (40th Legislative District) (46th Legislative District) (48th Legislative District) (49th Legislative District) (50th Legislative District)	Six (One) (One) (One) (One) (One) (One)
Republican State Committee (Two Males, Two Females and one of either gender to be elected)	Five
Delegate to the Democrat National Convention (Three Males and Two Females to be elected in the 12th Congressional District) (Three Males and Two Females to be elected in the 18th Congressional District)	Ten
Alternate Delegate to the Democrat National Convention (One Female to be elected in the 12th Congressional District) (One Female to be elected in the 18th Congressional District)	Two
Delegate to the Republican National Convention (Three Delegates to be elected in the 12th Congressional District) (Four Delegates to be elected in the 18th Congressional District)	Seven
Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention (Three Alternate Delegates to be elected in the 12th Congressional District) (Four Alternate Delegates to be elected in the 18th Congressional District)	Seven

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS and the official seal of the Washington County Board of Elections this 24th day of January, 2008.

Larry Maggi, Chairman
J. Bracken Burns, Sr., Member
Diana L. Irey, Member
Washington County Board of Elections

Attest: Mary E. Hellcke
Chief Clerk
1/29

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Davidson Dr.
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

Letters testamentary on the Estate of ROSE M CRAWFORD late of Washington County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Gary Crawford,
Executor
318 Washington Ave
Charleroi, PA 15022
1/22,29,2/5

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE? CHECK OUTDOOR ADVENTURES. CLASSIFIEDS WORK! TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

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REAL ESTATE

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Frank, George J.
ESTATE NOTICE
No. 63-08-0070

Estate of George J. Frank, Sr., Late of California Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto, to make immediate payment, and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned or his attorneys.

George J. Frank, Jr.,
435 Knob Road
Brownsville, PA 15417

Peter J. Daley &
Associates, P.C.
Peter J. Daley II,
Esquire
242 Wood Street
California, PA 15419
1/29,2/5,12

Swart, William E.
EXECUTOR NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of WILLIAM E. SWART, Court Term No. 63-07-1333, late of Monongahela, Washington County, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1202 WEST MAIN ST.
MONONGAHELA, PA
15063

Mary Lou Smuzinick,
Executrix
106 Caroline Avenue
Monongahela, PA 15063
1/22,29;2/5

2020/BID NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Bentworth School District is soliciting bids for the rekeying of the high school and elementary center. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, February 4, 2008 at 11 p.m. and will be publicly opened at that time. The front of the sealed bid should be marked "REKEYING".

Bids may be awarded at the February 19, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Specification may be obtained by calling 724-239-2861, extension 272.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids.

Debra J. Babirad
Board Secretary
1/15,22,29

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETINGS 2008
NOTICE
COAL CENTER
BOROUGH

Beginning February 2008, Council meets at 6:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the Boro Building, 132 Water Street, Coal Center. Committees meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays (when needed) at the same location at 5:00 P.M.

Ruth E. Dodds
Secretary
1/29

NOTICE
WASHINGTON COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY

The Washington County Industrial Development Authority will conduct regularly scheduled meetings throughout calendar year 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the offices of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 20 East Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301 on the following dates. The meetings will be conducted for general business matters and such other matters as shall properly come before the Board.

Thurs., Feb. 28, 2008
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Thurs., May 22, 2008
Thurs., June 26, 2008
Thurs., July 24, 2008
Thurs., August 28, 2008
Thurs., Sept. 25, 2008
Thurs., Oct. 23, 2008
Thurs., Nov. 20, 2008
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Monongahela Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 449 West Main Street, Monongahela, for review and recommendations for approval of The City of Monongahela and The Borough of New Eagle Joint Comprehensive Plan. Anyone wishing to express their opinions for or against the Comprehensive Plan should attend the hearing.

City of Monongahela
Planning Commission
1/22,29

4000/ADOPTION

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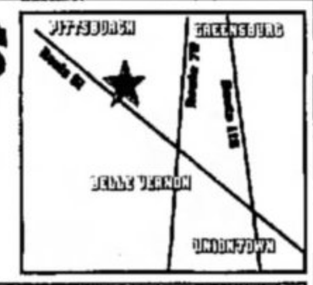

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